

A CHURCH CALLED

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God Makes All Things Good

- Light is good - Genesis 1:4
- Earth and Seas - Genesis 1:10
- Plants and Vegetation - Genesis 1:12
- Day and Night - Genesis 1:18
- Sea Creatures - Genesis 1:21
- Land Creatures - Genesis 1:25
- The entirety of creation is **very** good - Genesis 1:31



Three Principles

- How do churches hurt people?
- Why is church culture important?
- How do we create, maintain, and grow a good church?



For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush.

The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Jesus speaking in Luke 6:43-45



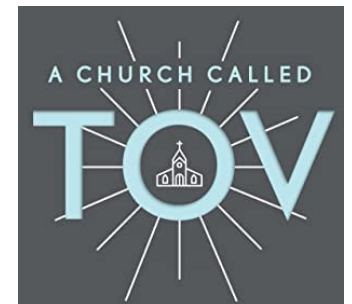
Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

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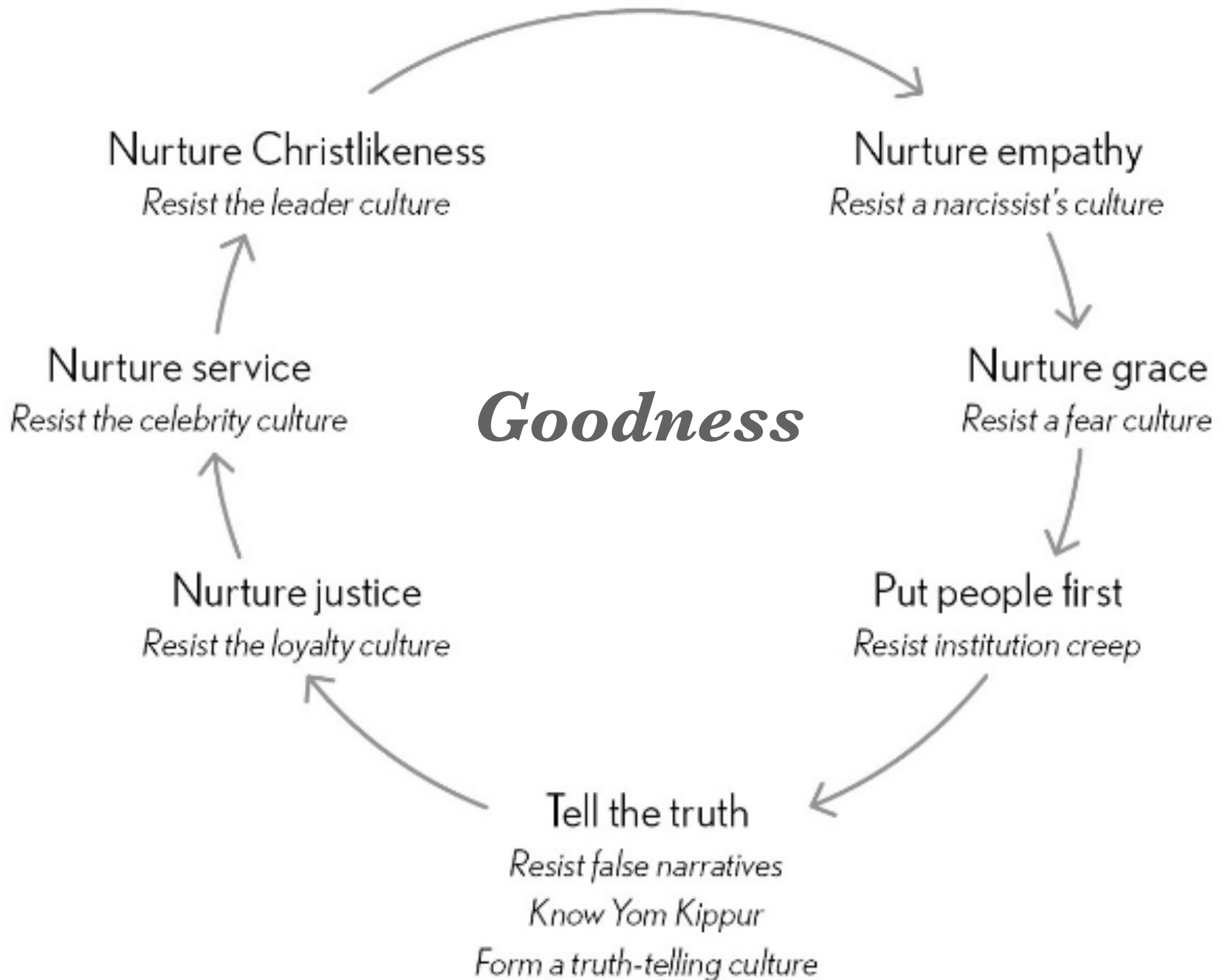
*Jesus speaking to the Pharisees in Matthew
12:33-34*

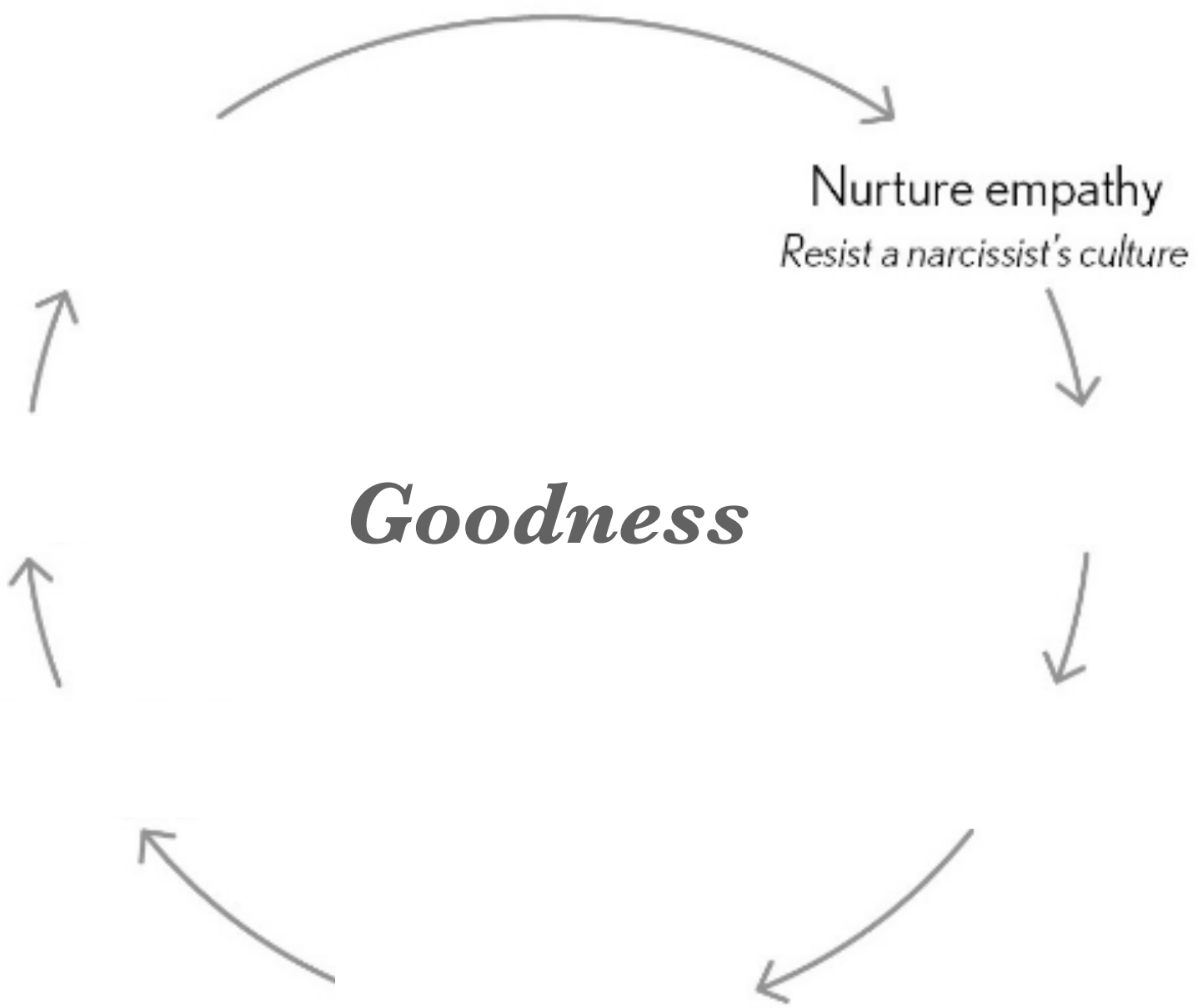


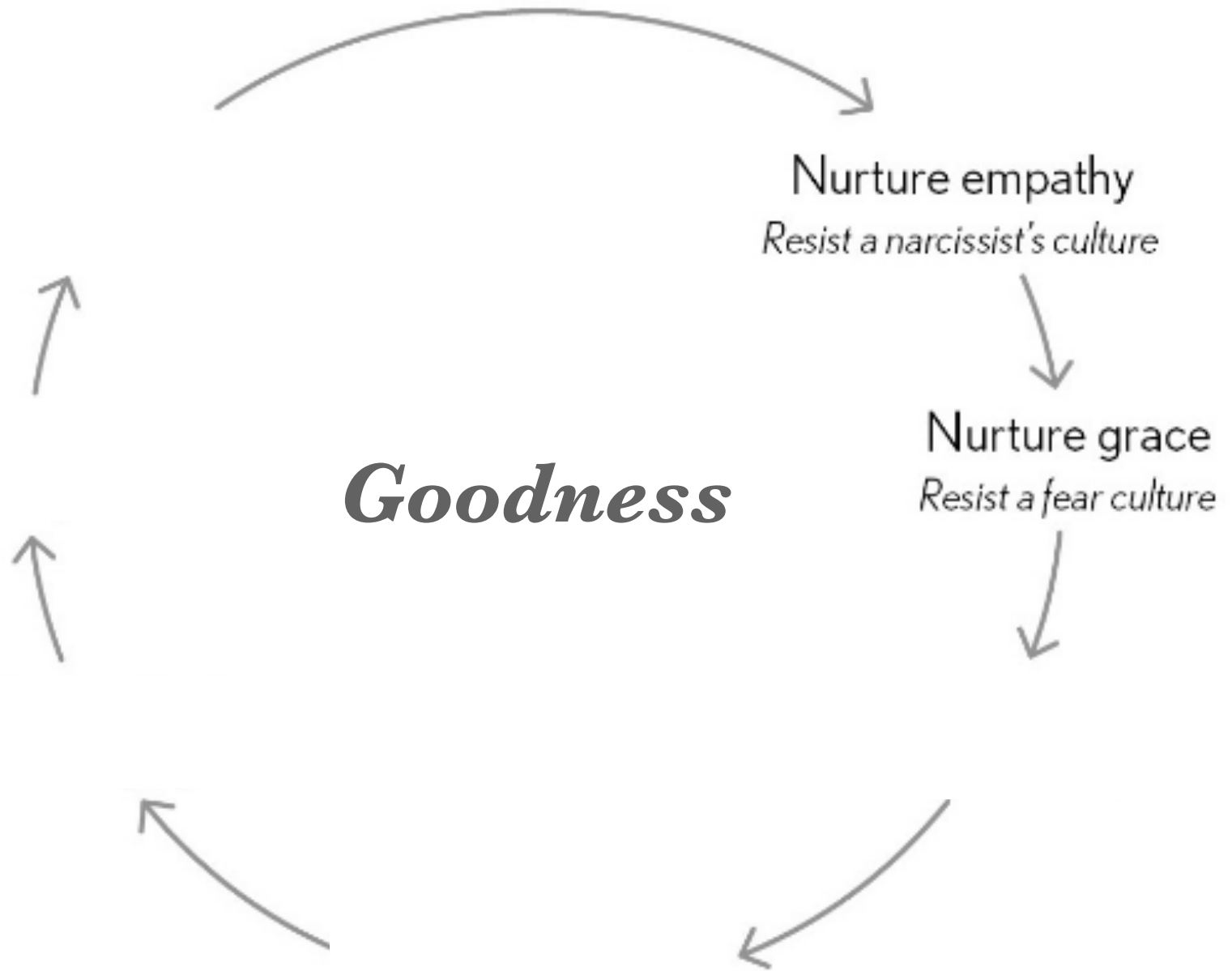
How Church Culture Forms



Goodness







Grace Filled Culture

1. Someone has something to give - Romans 5:15
2. God gives us forgiveness - Colossians 2:14
3. Giving and receiving the gift of grace creates a bond - Hebrews 8:10
4. Receiver responds with action - Romans 12:1
5. God becomes the Father of a multitude of brothers and sisters - Matthew 23:8-9

“Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea until he has something to forgive”

-C.S Lewis