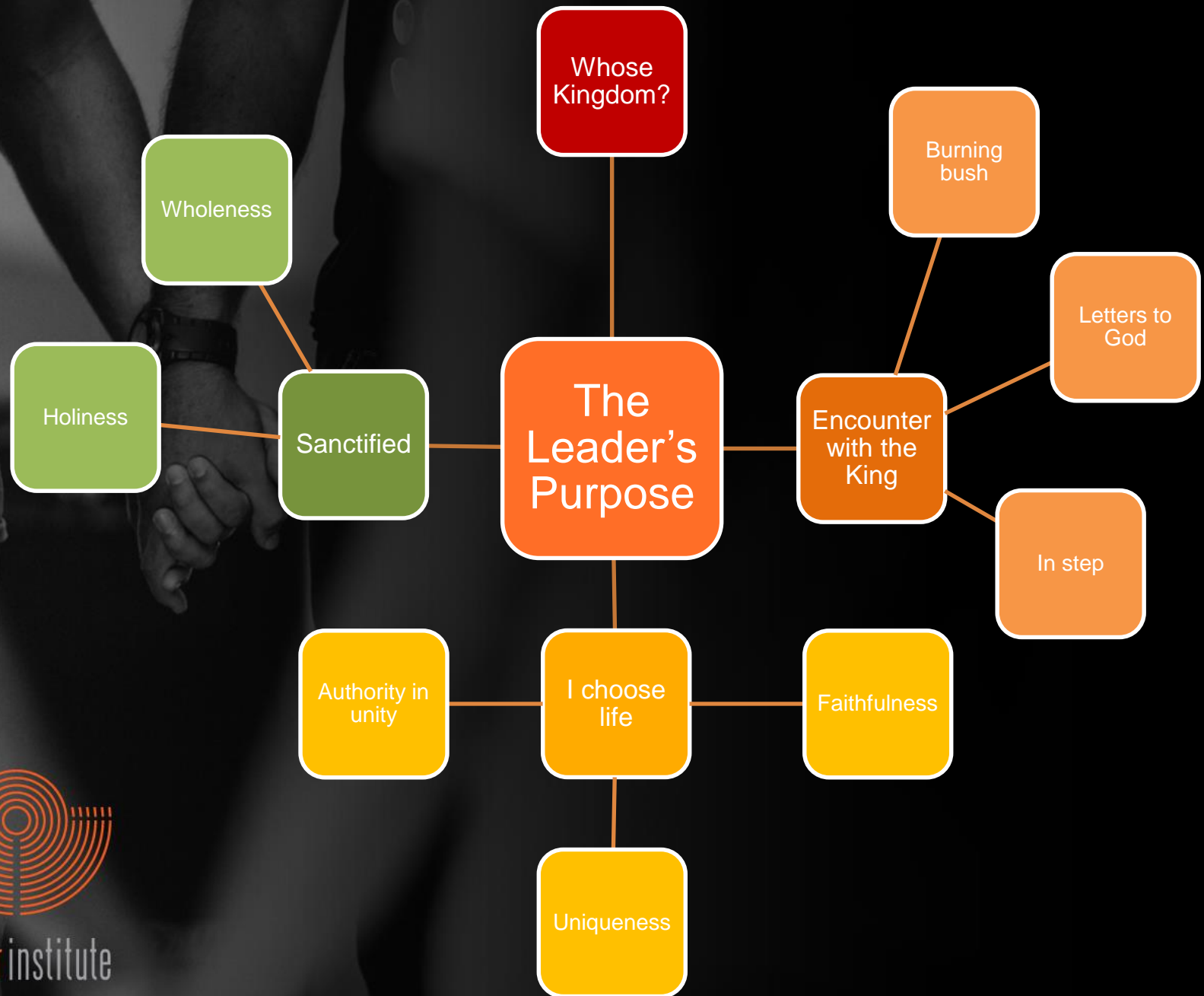# A LIFE OF FRUIT

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Practical

- What is an idol?
- What is the possible idols in your life?

Isaiah 3:10-11

Tell the righteous that it shall be well with them, for they shall eat the fruit of their deeds. Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with him, for what his hands have dealt out shall be done to him.

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Proverbs 14:14

The backslider in heart will be filled with the fruit of his ways, and a good man will be filled with the fruit of his ways.

John 15:8

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

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The one you fear is the one you will follow

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- Accepted by the trend
- Materialism
- Beauty
- Status
- Rebel against everything

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Matthew 19:16-22

[16]And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" [17]And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only One who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." [18]He

Matthew 19:16-22

said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, [19]Honor your father and mother, and, you shall love your neighbor as yourself." [20]The young

Matthew 19:16-22

man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" [21]Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." [22]When the young man heard this he

Matthew 19:16-22

went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

- Are you afraid of what Gold would expect of you to do in following His kingdom?
- Moving to another place?
- Selling your possessions?

This selfishness and control manifests through (pendulum):

Self pity through fear and rejection (focus on own ability) - shame, guilt
- Self pity leads to passivity because of being rejected.
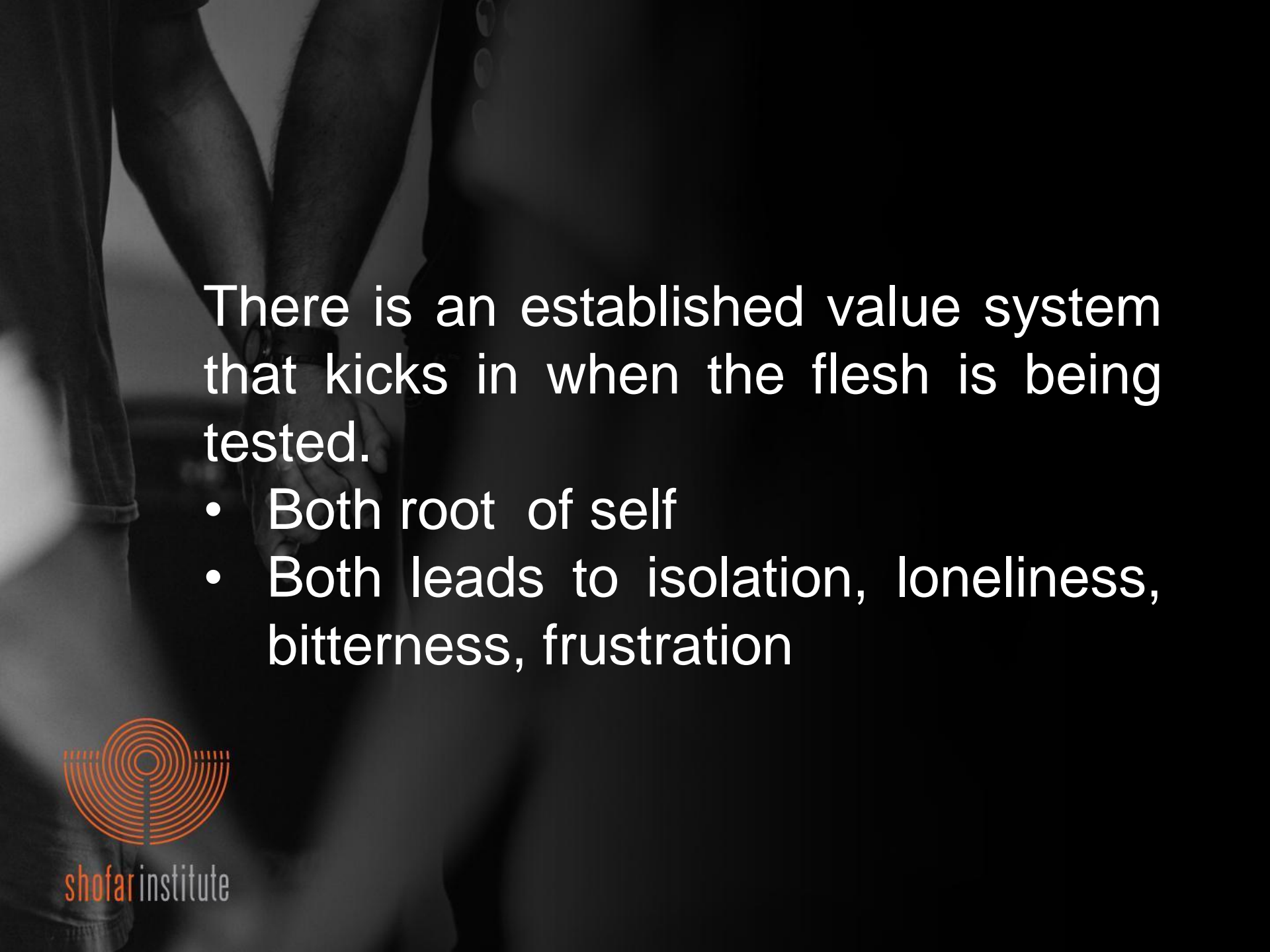- Always defending and justifying
- Suicide

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Rebellion leads to rejecting those who reject you.

- Rebellion (arrogance that focus on own ability) - pride
- Rebellion against authority opens the door to the devil to mislead us.
- Homicide - wants to get rid of people that bring hurt.

Or total surrender to God's ability in you through **humility and contentment**.

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There is an established value system that kicks in when the flesh is being tested.
- Both root of self
- Both leads to isolation, loneliness, bitterness, frustration

The flesh usually get tested by the level of preoccupation with control and two common magnifiers expose us:
- Money/assets
- Relationships (manipulation)

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Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

- "Humility is a willingness to be known for who you are." (Thomson, 1986)
- Humility allows one to take an honest look at your shortfall against the Truth of God.

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Through the cursing of our identity Satan hopes to (Hill, 1992):

- Distort or replace entirely your image of who God has called you to be.
- Drive you out of your place of habitation, the place of protection which is yours. (Your family, marriage, church, employment, home, city, country.)

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- Steal your inheritance - that which God has meant to be an inheritance or heritage to you. (Your children, finances, ministry, relationships.)

Hosea 4:6

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

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Malachi 4:6

And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

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- Testing will come to strip you from your calling.
- Your identity lies within God - not your calling!
- Tests strip us from our crutching on our own ability and identity in our calling.
- We must admit that it is God's plan; His vision and it will not fail because of me.

Practical:

1. What do you want people remember you by?

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Matthew 25:21

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'