

CIRCLE OF RESPONSIBILITY

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CLARIFY RESPONSIBILITY

There are three general types of people: those who are irresponsible, those who are overly responsible and then the largest group are those who are genuinely confused about what are their God-given responsibilities and which things they can entrust to God.

- ✧ **The Inner Circle of Responsibility represents** the person's biblical job description. These are the things that God, in His Word, calls this person to do in his present situation and relationships. For example, a man might be a husband, son, father, neighbor and employee. What does God's Word call him to do in each of these relationships? Whatever that is, he is called to respond in faith and obedience.
- ✧ **The Outer Circle of Concern represents** those things that are important to a person, but are beyond his ability to bring about. They are not the responsibility of the person, but because he cares about them it can be confusing. Here, we want to remind people that they are embodied souls with limits but God is limitless, sovereign and faithful. We call them to faith in THIS God as we help them have an accurate understanding of who God is and submit to Him by entrusting these matters to God in prayer.
- ✧ **The Two Ditches:**
 1. The first ditch is found when people expand their inner circle, trying to do things only God can do. This can result in discouragement and anger as they literally try to drag the situation (or person) into their own Circle of Responsibility.
 2. The second ditch is when the person shrinks their own inner circle, under the guise of trusting God, but failing to do what God has explicitly called them to do. God will empower them to do the things He has called them to do, but He will not do them for them.
- ✧ Help the counselee recognize the difference between his circumstances and his response. Counsel him to take responsibility for how he responds. We are Responseable.

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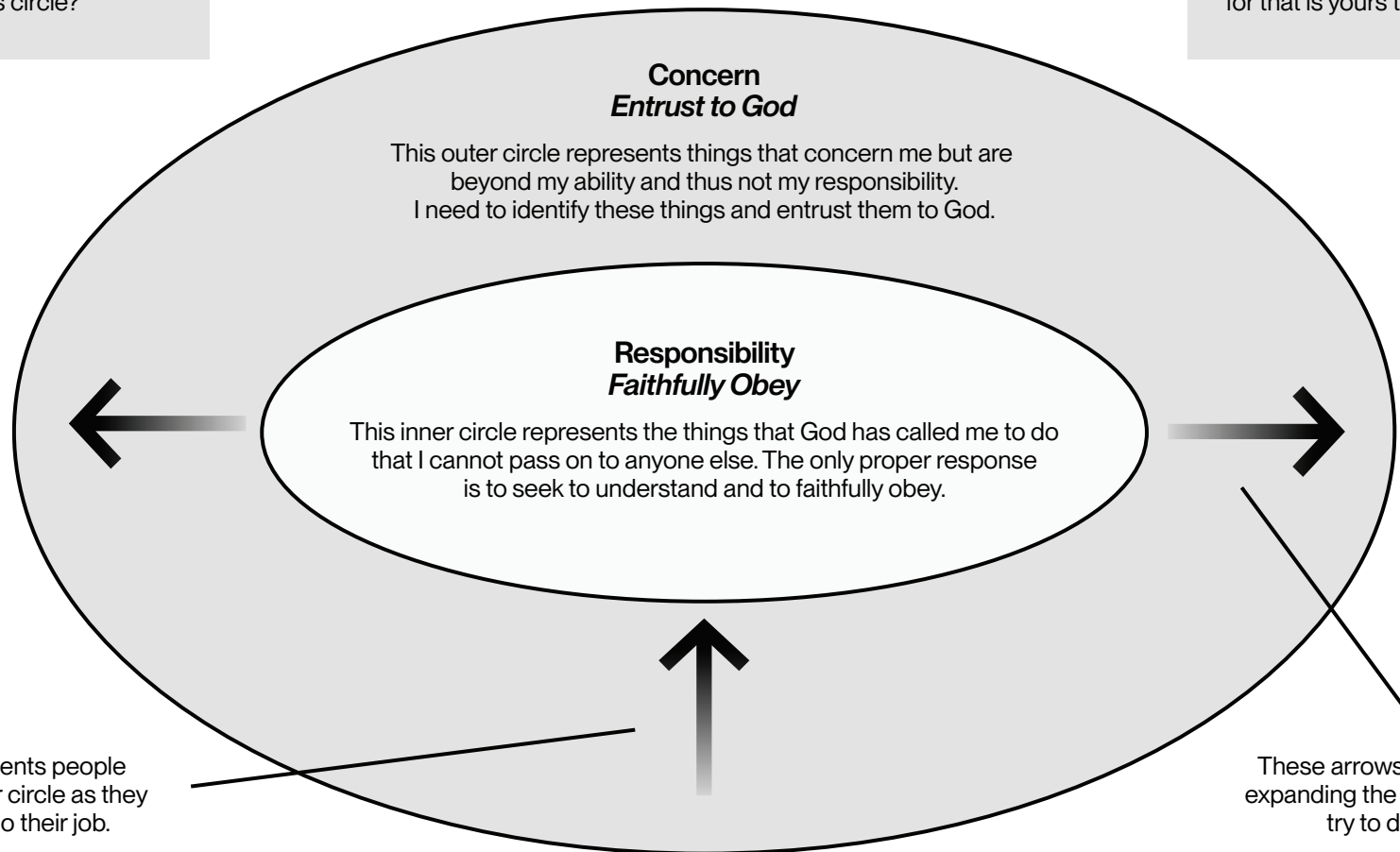
Clarifying Responsibility

Question 1

What are you dragging into your own circle of responsibility that belongs in God's circle?

Question 2

What are you failing to be obedient to take responsibility for that is yours to own?



This arrow represents people minimizing the inner circle as they expect God to do their job.

These arrows represent people expanding the inner circle as they try to do God's job.

**What would it look like to respond with
active obedient trust in your current situation?**