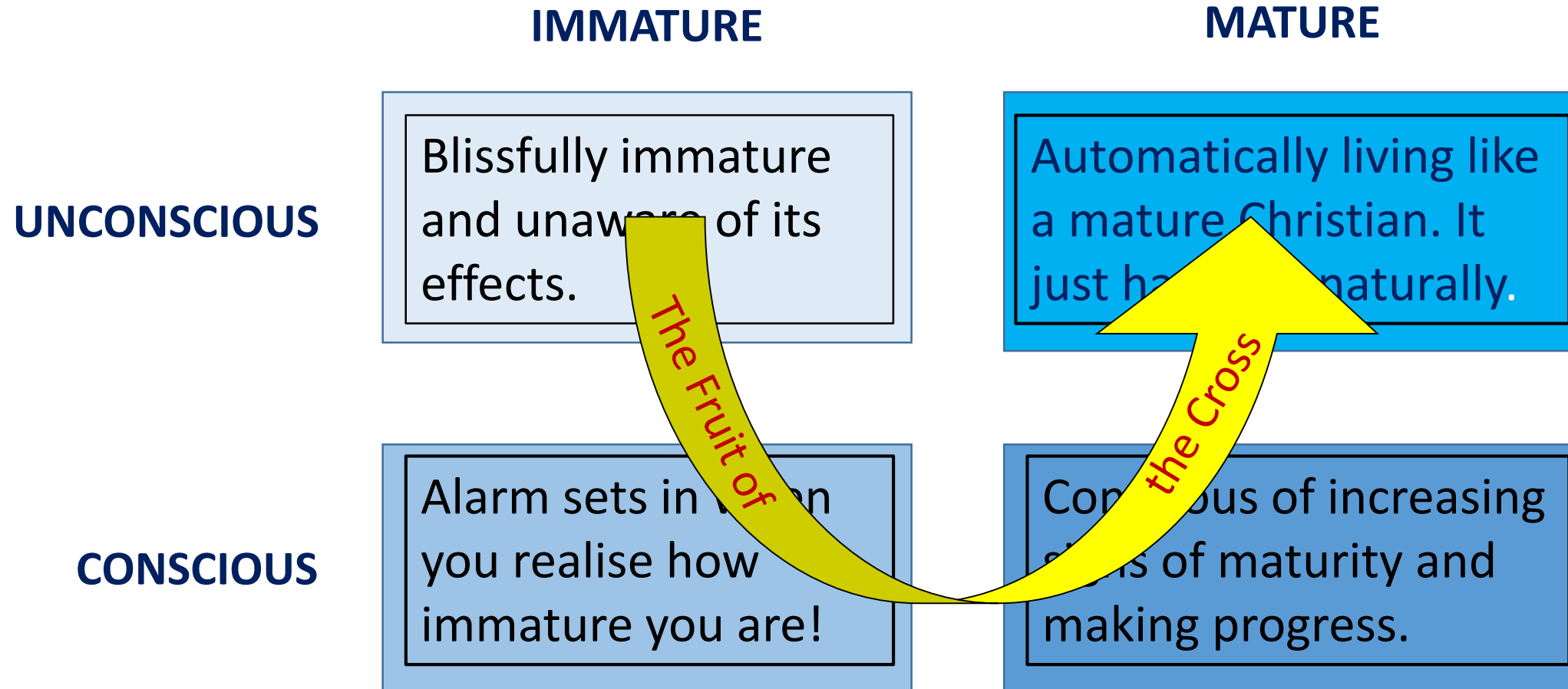


*Sunday Meeting at SCF ~ 12/1/20*

# ***Pathways to Maturity***



# *The power of awareness in personal development*



# The Difference Between a Spectator and a Team Player

## **SPECTATOR**

- Passively watches and observes.
- Committed to attend when convenient and supports verbally.
- Involves just a portion of life.
- Just has to turn up, sit down and cheer.
- Can talk a good game.
- Part of a crowd that little is expected of so remains mediocre.

## **TEAM PLAYER**

- Actively participates and does.
- Committed to take responsibility to be present & prepared to play a part.
- Involves the whole of life.
- Requires discipline, sacrifice and the development of skills.
- Being developed to play a good game.
- Member of a team and therefore mentored and coached for greatness.

“Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation (1 Pet. 2:2)

**Nepios**





All  
cwtched  
up in  
Nanny's  
blanket



I'm always a good  
boy when you give  
me what I want!





Now that you've  
fed me, changed  
me, cuddled me,  
given me my nice  
toy and rocked me  
to sleep ... I'll  
sleep nicely and  
not complain!



*“But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.” Hebrews 5:14*

His First  
taste of  
solids!

**Paidion**



This tastes strange,  
but I'm willing to  
give it a go.

*“I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready.” 1 Corinthians 3:2*



# Ben the 4 year old practicing preaching to Nanny

**Teknon**



*“...to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12*

**Huios**

*"For all who are led  
by the Spirit of God  
are sons of God."*  
Romans 8:14



Ben the 14 year  
old leading 'Fire  
Starters' in  
Worship

# God's heart for the sons of God to be revealed

*"For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are **huios** of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are **teknon** of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the **huios** of God."* Romans 8:13-19



# Leaders help us transition from *nepios* to *huios*

*“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.”*

EPHESIANS 4:11-14