

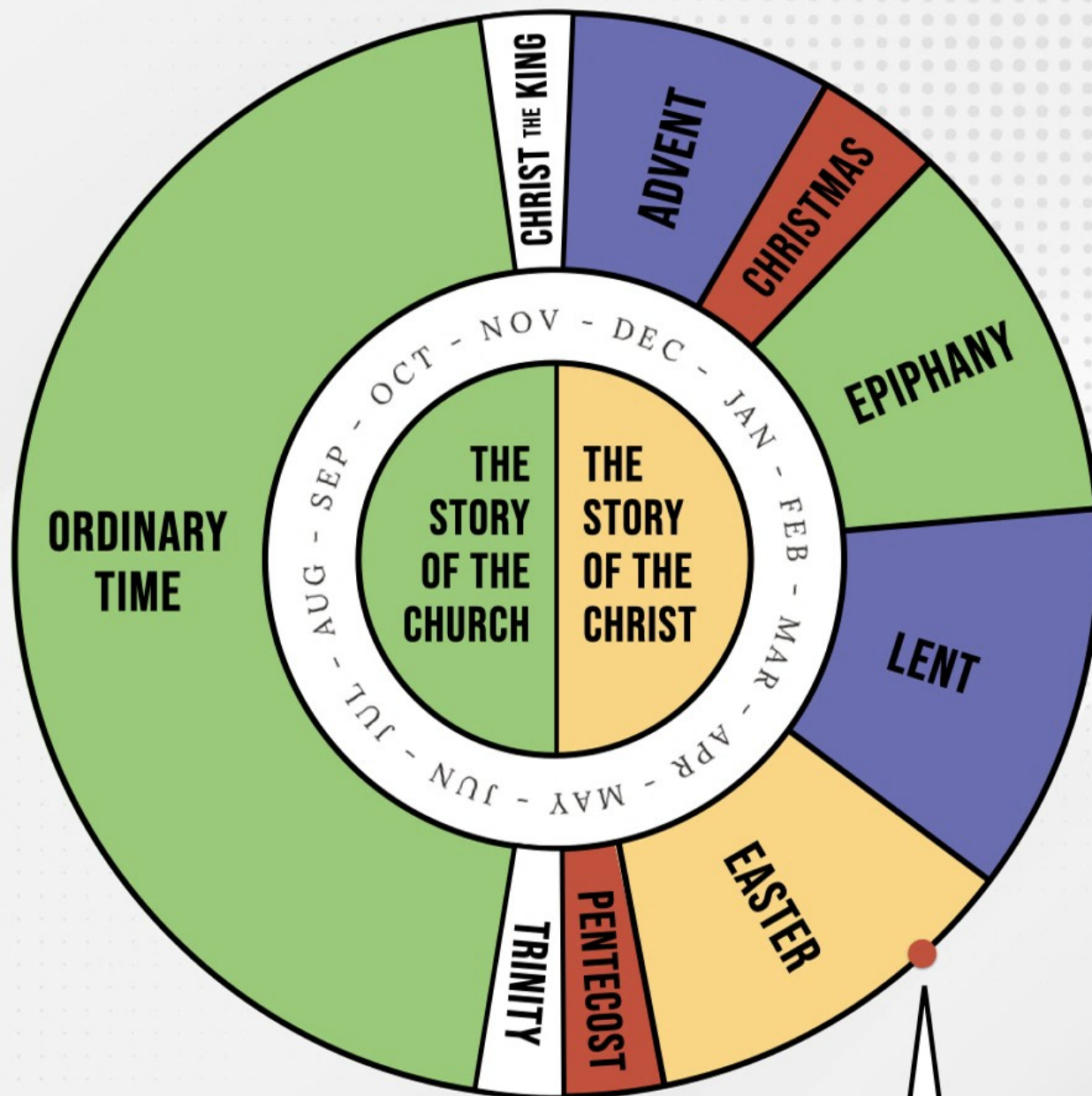
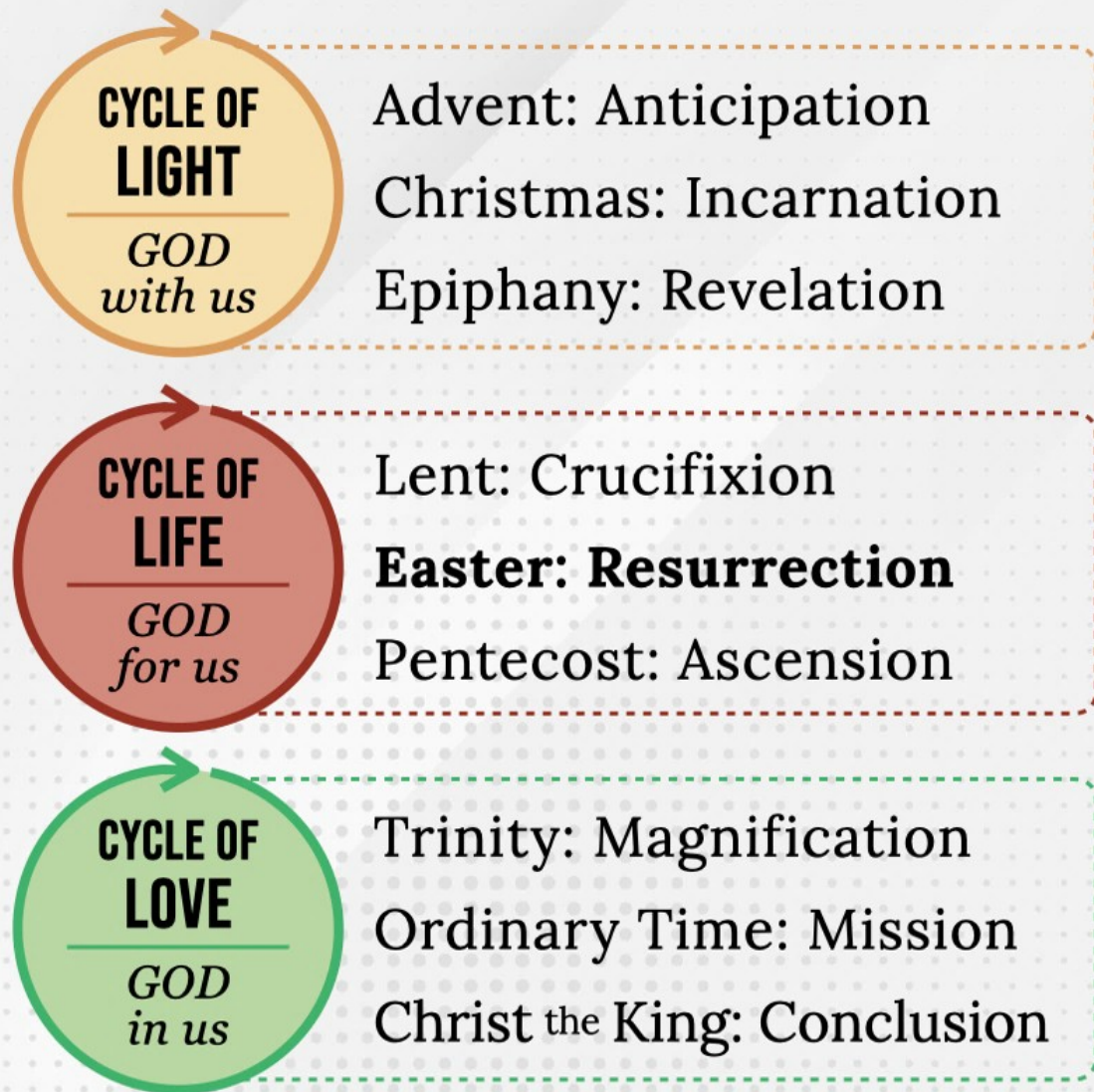


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PRACTICING THE WAY

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THE SEASONS OF THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR



WE ARE HERE

GUEST PREACHERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS



APRIL 26, 2026

Dr. Josh Sumpter

Executive Director of OCM, University Chaplain

Ashland University



MAY 3, 2026

Rev. Dr. Jason Barnhart

Associate Professor of Historical Theology

Ashland Theological Seminary



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Practicing the Way

Be with Jesus
Become like him
Do as he did

John Mark
Comer

New York Times bestseller
From the author of *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*

“All of us have a source we are rooted in, a kind of default setting we return to. An emotional home. It’s where our minds go when they’re not busy with tasks, where our feelings go when we need solace, where our bodies go when we have free time, and where our money goes after we pay the bills. We will make our home somewhere, the question is where?”

JOHN 15:1-17

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **Remain** in me, as I also **remain** in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must **remain** in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you **remain** in me.”

JOHN 15:1-17

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you **remain** in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not **remain** in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you **remain** in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

JOHN 15:1-17

“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now **remain** in my love. If you keep my commands, you will **remain** in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”

JOHN 15:1-17

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.”

JOHN 15:1-17

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.”



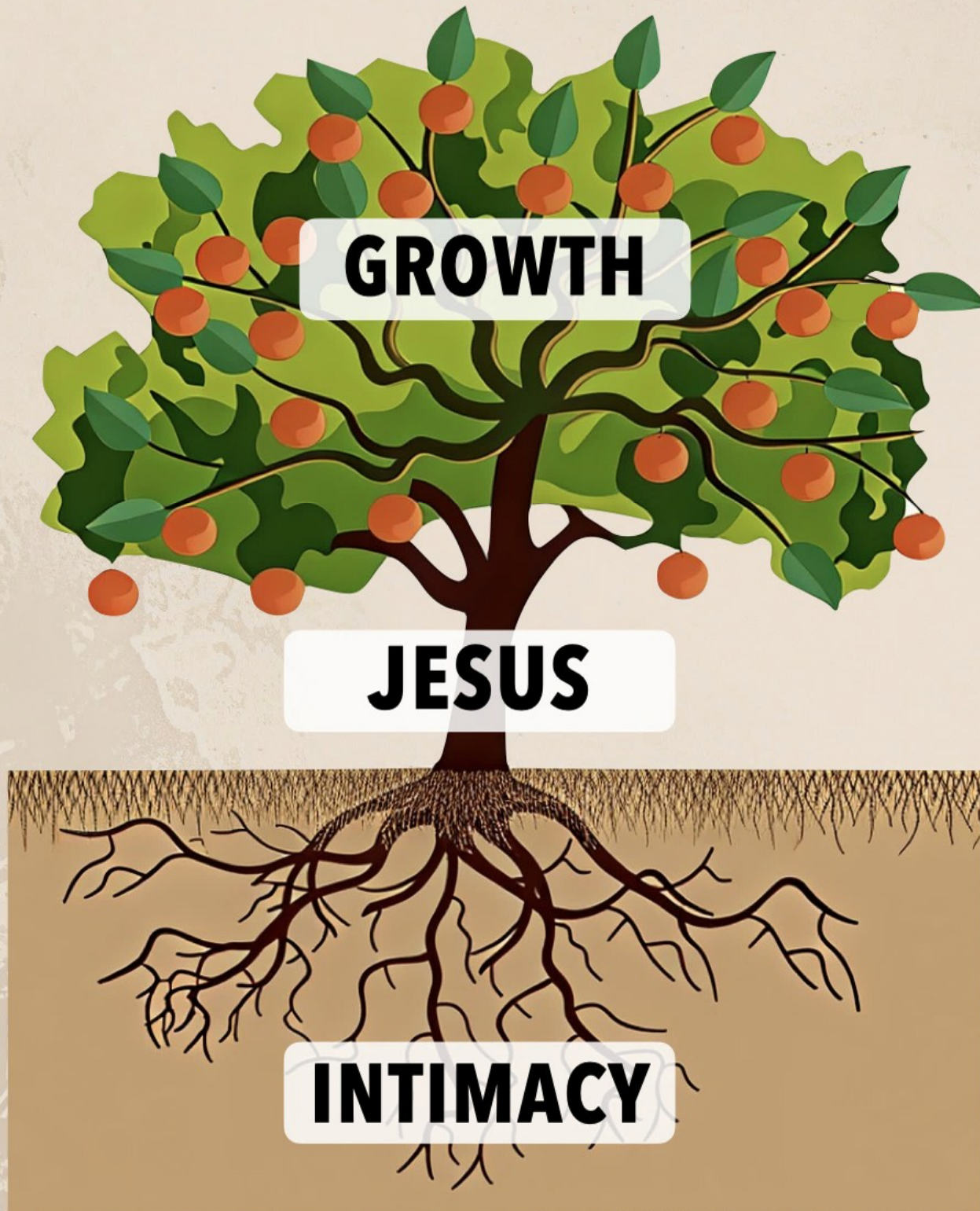
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Similar to the idea of sanctification in Western Christianity, Eastern Christianity emphasizes the concept of **THEOSIS. Union with God is what ultimately restores and transforms us.**

**It is often summarized by St. Athanasius:
"God became man so that man might become god,"
and encompasses the whole goal of salvation as
a lifelong pilgrimage of purification, illumination,
and intimacy with God.**

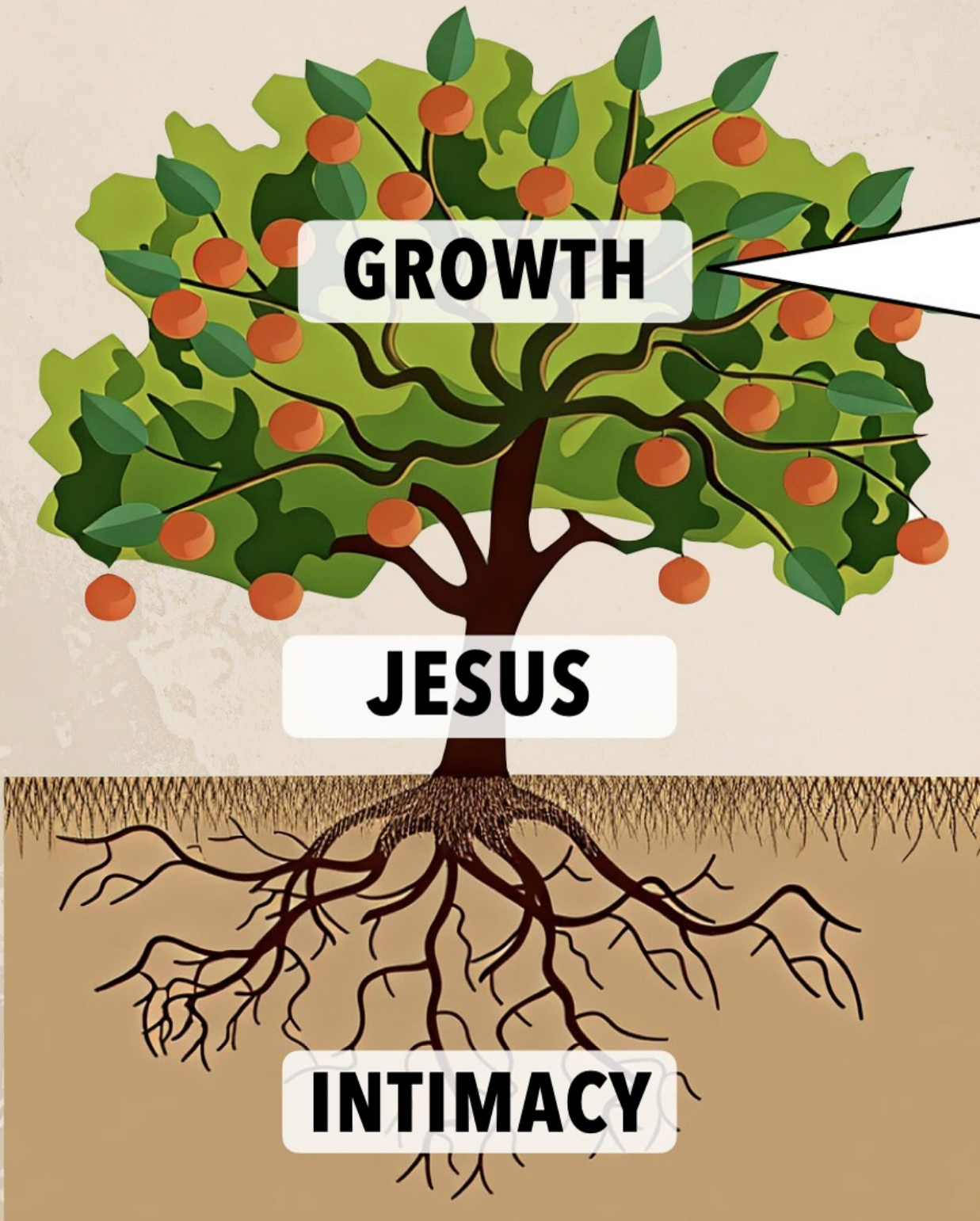


*In John 15:1-17,
Jesus makes an
inexorable link between
intimacy and growth.
Bearing spiritual fruit is
not the goal, it is the
consequence of abiding
in the presence of Christ.*

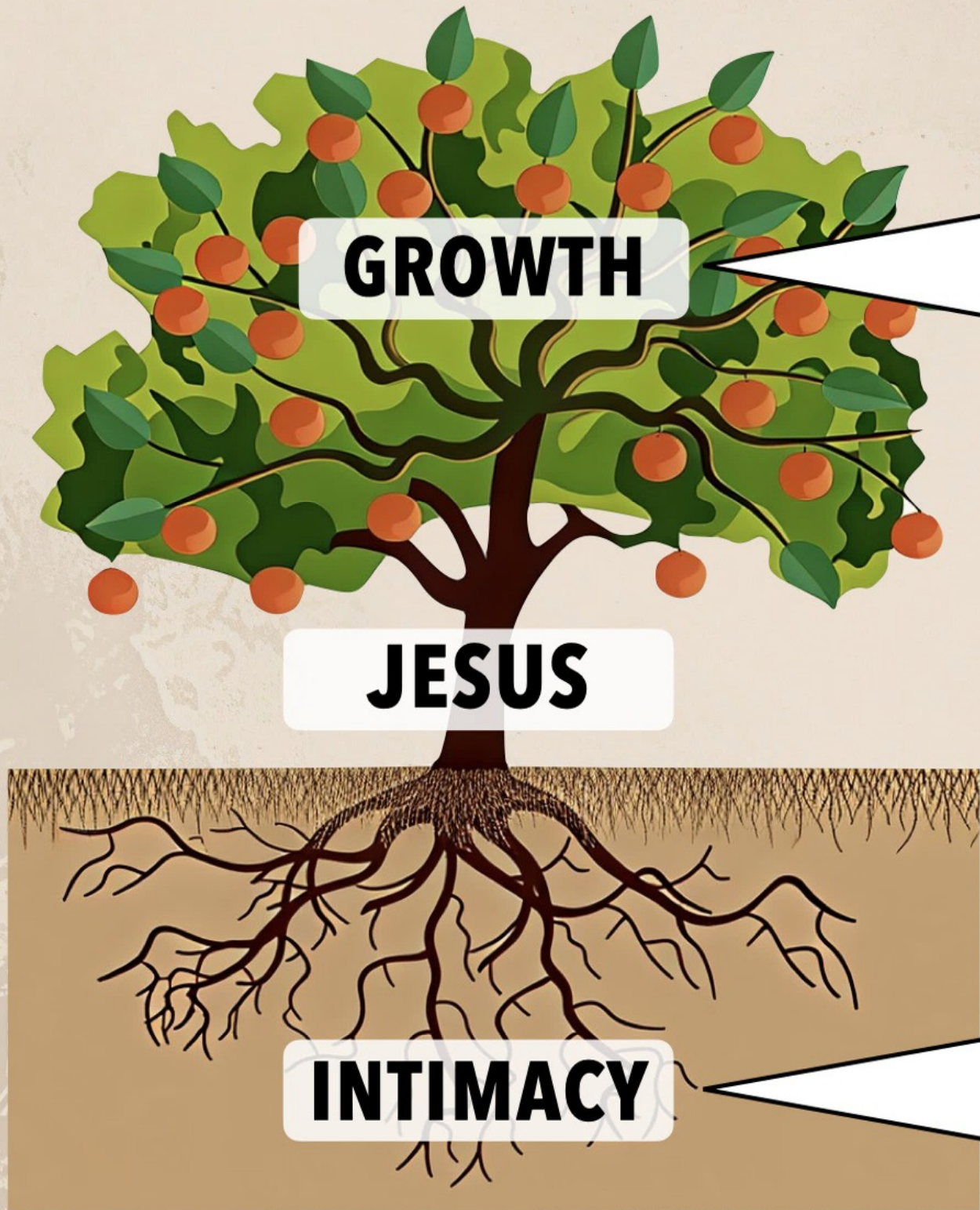
ORTHODOXY: Right belief or correct doctrine—holding to true teachings about God, Scripture, and the Christian faith as revealed in the Bible and discerned by the Church.

ORTHOPATHY: Right affections or heart orientation—cultivating proper emotions, desires, and motivations that flow from a transformed inner life.

ORTHOPRAXIS: Right practice or correct behavior—living out one's faith through ethical actions, obedience, worship, service, and moral conduct that aligns with Christ.



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Orthopraxis - Discipline



GROWTH

JESUS

INTIMACY

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Join us in praying for the Johnson family as Cameron is entering a time of sabbatical. This practice was adopted by the Leadership Board to set aside for full-time pastoral staff to abide in Christ, restore their hearts, and refresh their spirits.

