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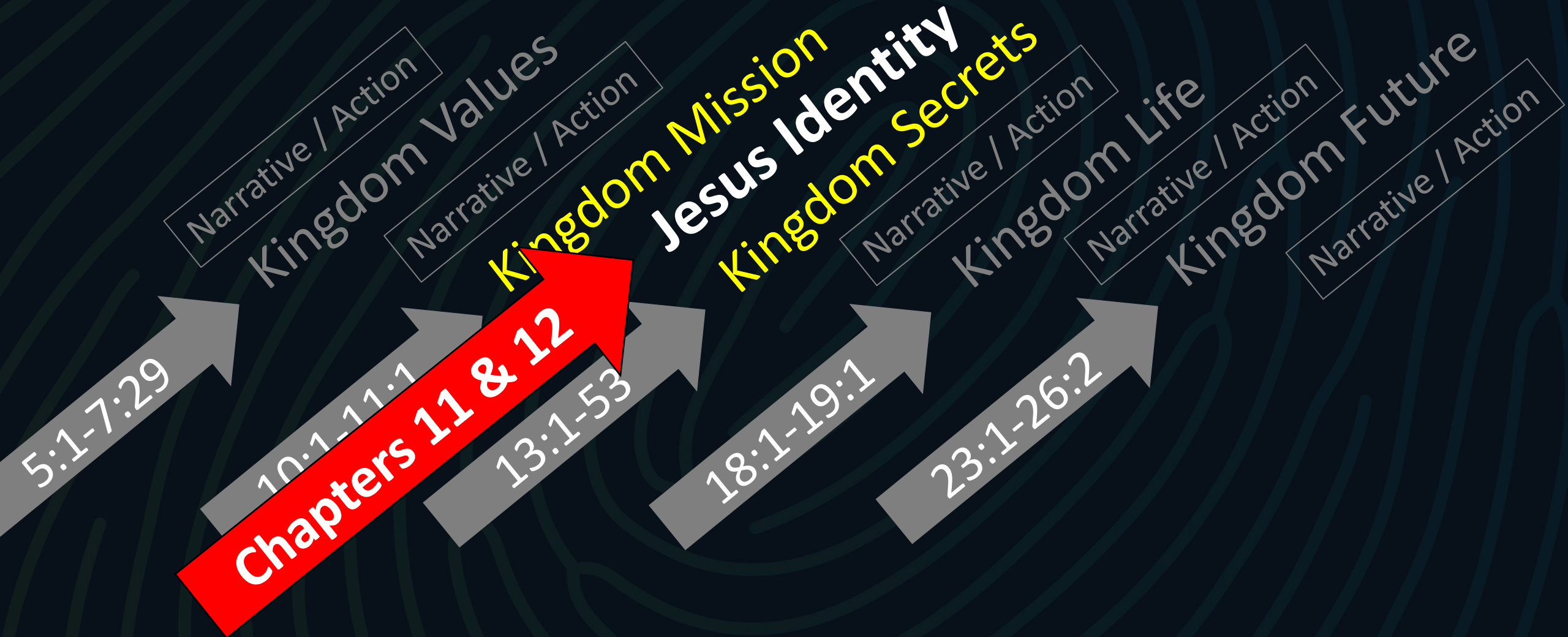




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- 11:1-19 John the Baptist realizes Jesus as.....Messiah.
- 11:20-24 Jesus reveals His.....absolute righteousness.
- 11:25-30 Jesus reveals His.....oneness with the Father.
- 12:1-14 Jesus reveals that He is.....Lord of the Sabbath.
- 12:15-21 Jesus reveals that He is the fulfillment of prophecy.
- 12:22-32 Jesus reveals that He is the.....Son of David.
- 12:33-37 Jesus reveals that we will all be.....accountable.
- 12:38-42 Jesus reveals that He is the sign of Jonah and more.
- 12:43-45 Jesus reveals His authority over an evil generation.
- 12:46-50 Jesus reveals who is really in.....His family.



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*Jesus reveals His identity*





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...answers the question: **Who Am I?**

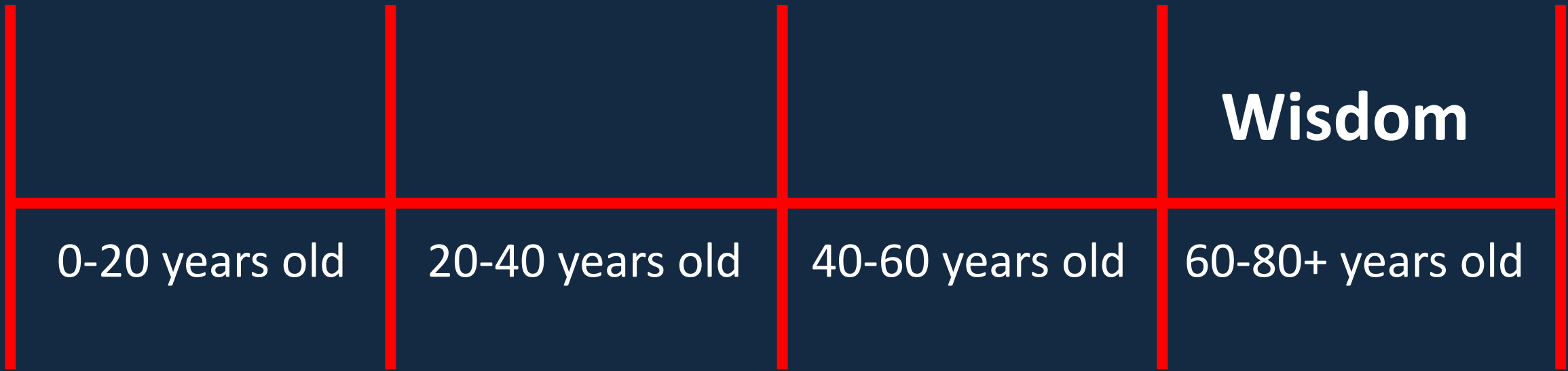


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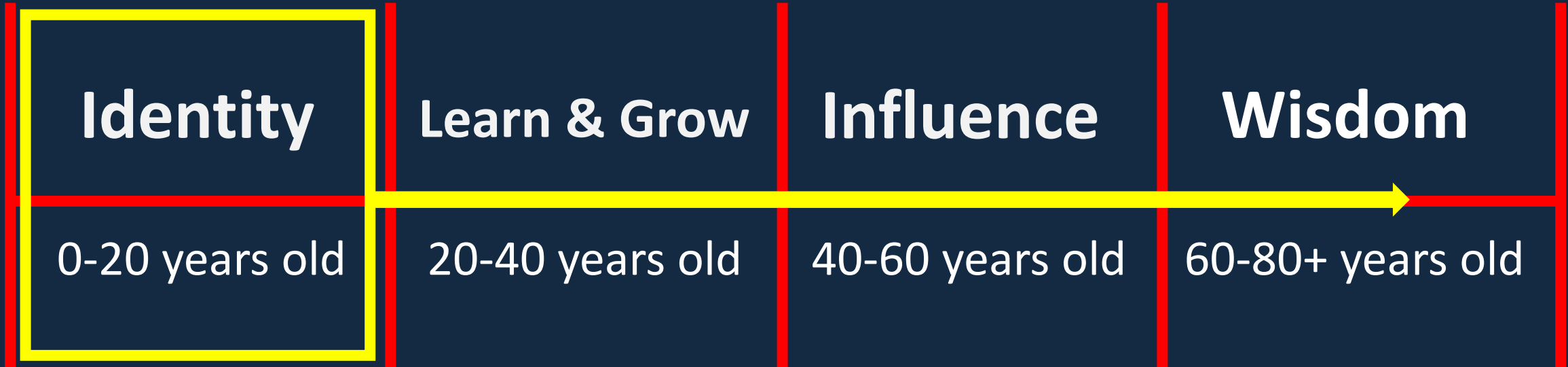
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*Jim Craddock, Scope Ministries, Oklahoma City, OK*



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*“We tend to believe, embrace, and define ourselves by our rejection more than being defined by our acceptance.”*

## Narcissus:

The boy who was enchanted with only himself, and it cost him his life.



**41** Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

**42** And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom.

**43** And when the feast was ended, as they were returning,

the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it,

**44** but supposing Him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances,

**45** and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for Him.

**46** After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

**47** And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.



**48** And when His parents saw Him, they were astonished.

And His mother said to Him,

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Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress."

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"Why were you looking for me?

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## Philippians 2:1-11

- 1 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,
- 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.
- 3 Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.
- 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

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5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,  
6 who, though He was in the form of God,  
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
7 but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant,  
being born in the likeness of men.  
8 And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient  
to the point of death, even death on a cross.  
9 Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every  
name,  
10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and  
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11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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- God's design for our lives brings *ultimate freedom* rather than restriction.