

1 PAUL, A PRISONER OF CHRIST JESUS, AND TIMOTHY OUR BROTHER, TO PHILEMON OUR DEAR FRIEND AND FELLOW WORKER— 2 ALSO TO APPHIA OUR SISTER AND ARCHIPPUS OUR FELLOW SOLDIER—AND TO THE CHURCH THAT MEETS IN YOUR HOME: 3 GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU [A] FROM GOD OUR FATHER AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

4 I ALWAYS THANK MY GOD AS I REMEMBER YOU IN MY PRAYERS, 5 BECAUSE I HEAR ABOUT YOUR LOVE FOR ALL HIS HOLY PEOPLE AND YOUR FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS. 6 I PRAY THAT YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH US IN THE FAITH MAY BE EFFECTIVE IN DEEPENING YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF EVERY GOOD THING WE SHARE FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST. 7 YOUR LOVE HAS GIVEN ME GREAT JOY AND ENCOURAGEMENT, BECAUSE YOU, BROTHER, HAVE REFRESHED THE HEARTS OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE.

PAUL'S PLEA FOR ONESIMUS

8 THERE IS ONE PERSON WHO WOULD BE IN ORDER FOR YOU TO DO AS YOU WISH TO DO, 9 YET I PREFER TO SEND HIM TO YOU IN THE LORD'S STEAD. 10 NONE OF THEM HAS EVER BEEN HELD AS A SLAVE AND NOW I AM WRITING YOU TO ASK YOU TO TAKE HIM BACK AS A SLAVE OF CHRIST. 11 HE WAS MY SON WHILE HE WAS IN THE LORD'S STEAD. 12 I AM WRITING YOU TO ASK YOU TO TAKE HIM BACK TO YOU AS A SLAVE OF CHRIST. 13 HE IS MY SON AND TO YOU HE IS A BROTHER.

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12 I AM WRITING YOU TO ASK YOU TO TAKE HIM BACK TO YOU AS A SLAVE OF CHRIST. 13 HE IS MY SON AND TO YOU HE IS A BROTHER. HE IS VERY DEAR TO ME BUT EVEN DEARER TO YOU, BOTH AS A FELLOW MAN AND AS A BROTHER IN THE LORD.

17 SO IF YOU CONSIDER ME A PARTNER, WELCOME HIM AS YOU WOULD WELCOME ME. 18 IF HE HAS DONE YOU ANY WRONG OR OWES YOU ANYTHING, CHARGE IT TO ME. 19 I, PAUL, AM WRITING THIS WITH MY OWN HAND. I WILL PAY IT BACK—NOT TO MENTION THAT YOU OWE ME YOUR VERY SELF. 20 I DO WISH, BROTHER, THAT I MAY HAVE SOME BENEFIT FROM YOU IN THE LORD; REFRESH MY HEART IN CHRIST. 21 CONFIDENT OF YOUR OBEDIENCE, I WRITE TO YOU, KNOWING THAT YOU WILL DO EVEN MORE THAN I ASK.

22 AND ONE THING MORE: PREPARE A GUEST ROOM FOR ME, BECAUSE I HOPE TO BE RESTORED TO YOU IN ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYERS.

23 EPAPHRAS, MY FELLOW PRISONER IN CHRIST JESUS, SENDS YOU GREETINGS. 24 AND SO DO MARK, ARISTARCHUS, DEMAS AND LUKE, MY FELLOW WORKERS.

25 THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

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A personal appeal for

the transformative power of the gospel

in our relationships

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Radical forgiveness and reconciliation

Equality and Christian brotherhood

Love over coercion

Partnership and fellowship

Transformation of purpose

Vision of a 'new humanity'

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Today's Big Idea

the transformative power of the gospel

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Galatians 3

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Colossians 3

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Matthew 18:21-35

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- 23 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.
- 24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.
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- 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'
- 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.
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- 33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?'
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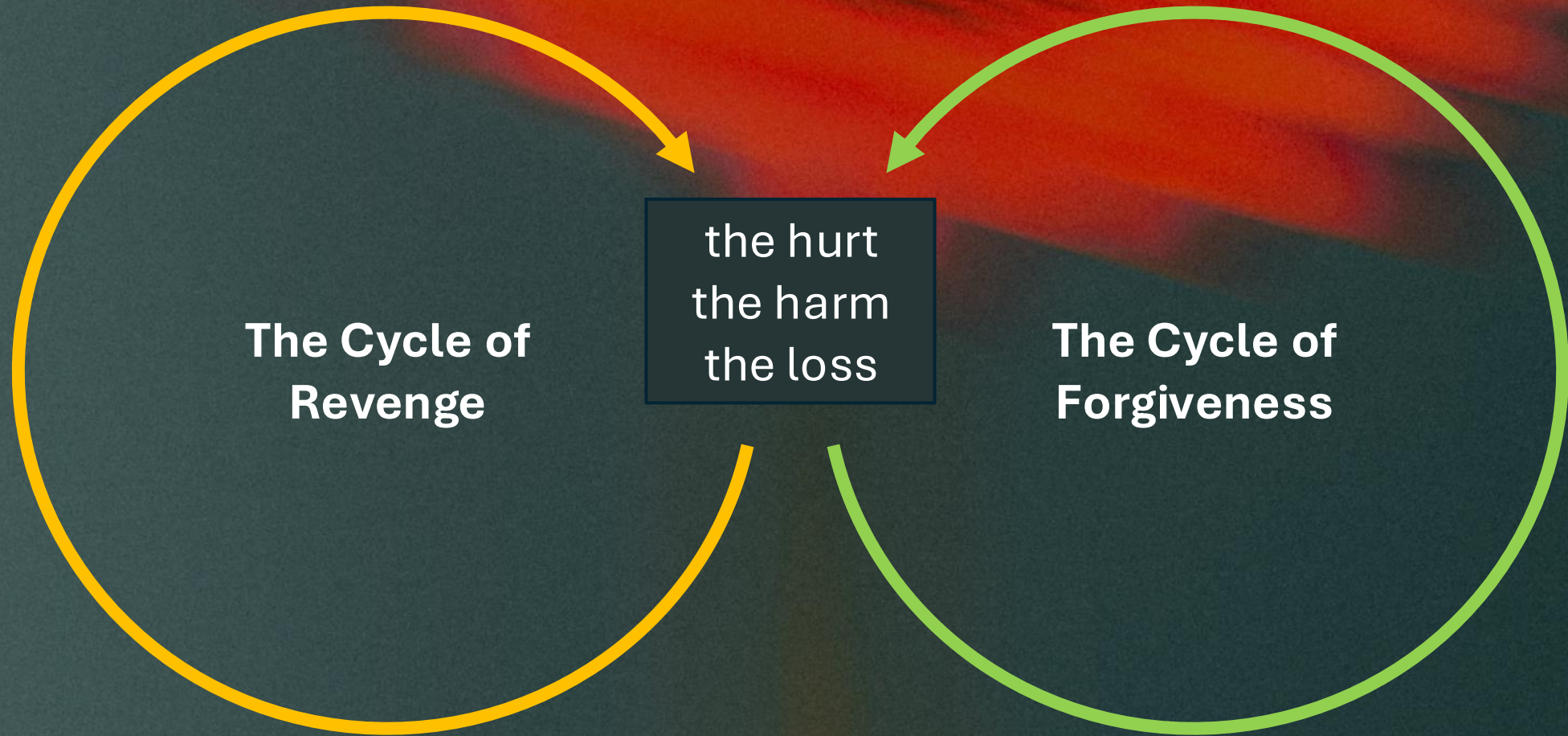
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the harm
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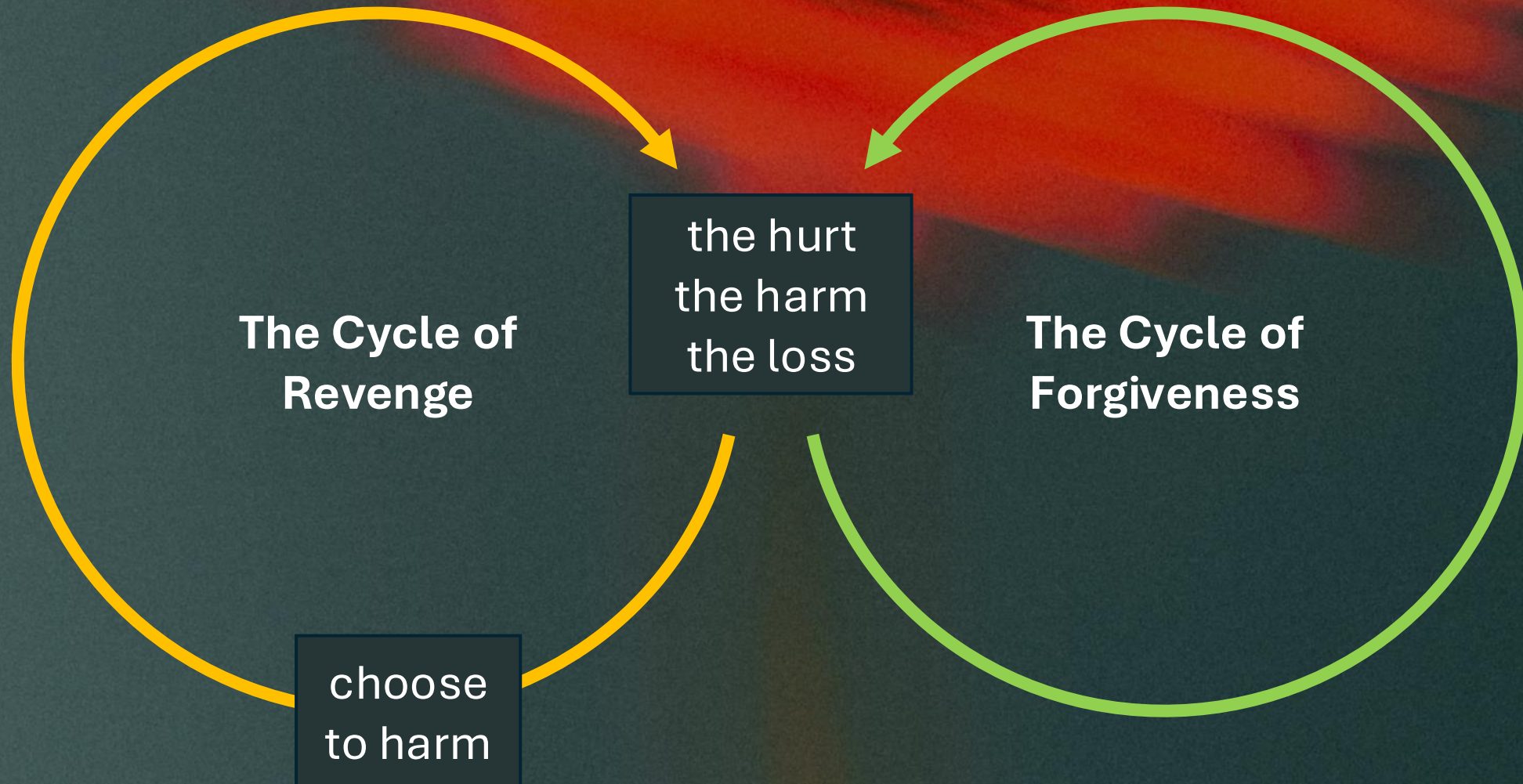
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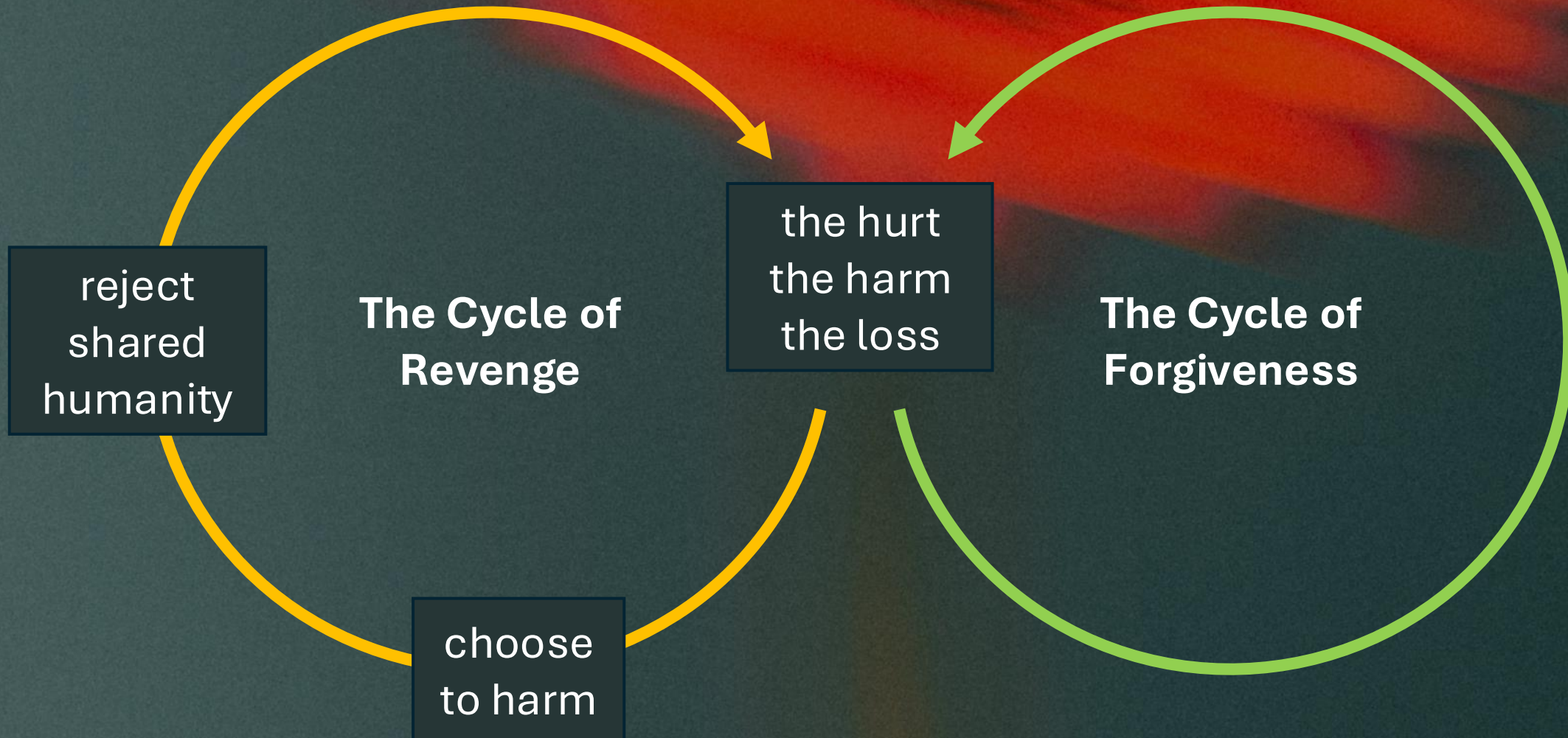
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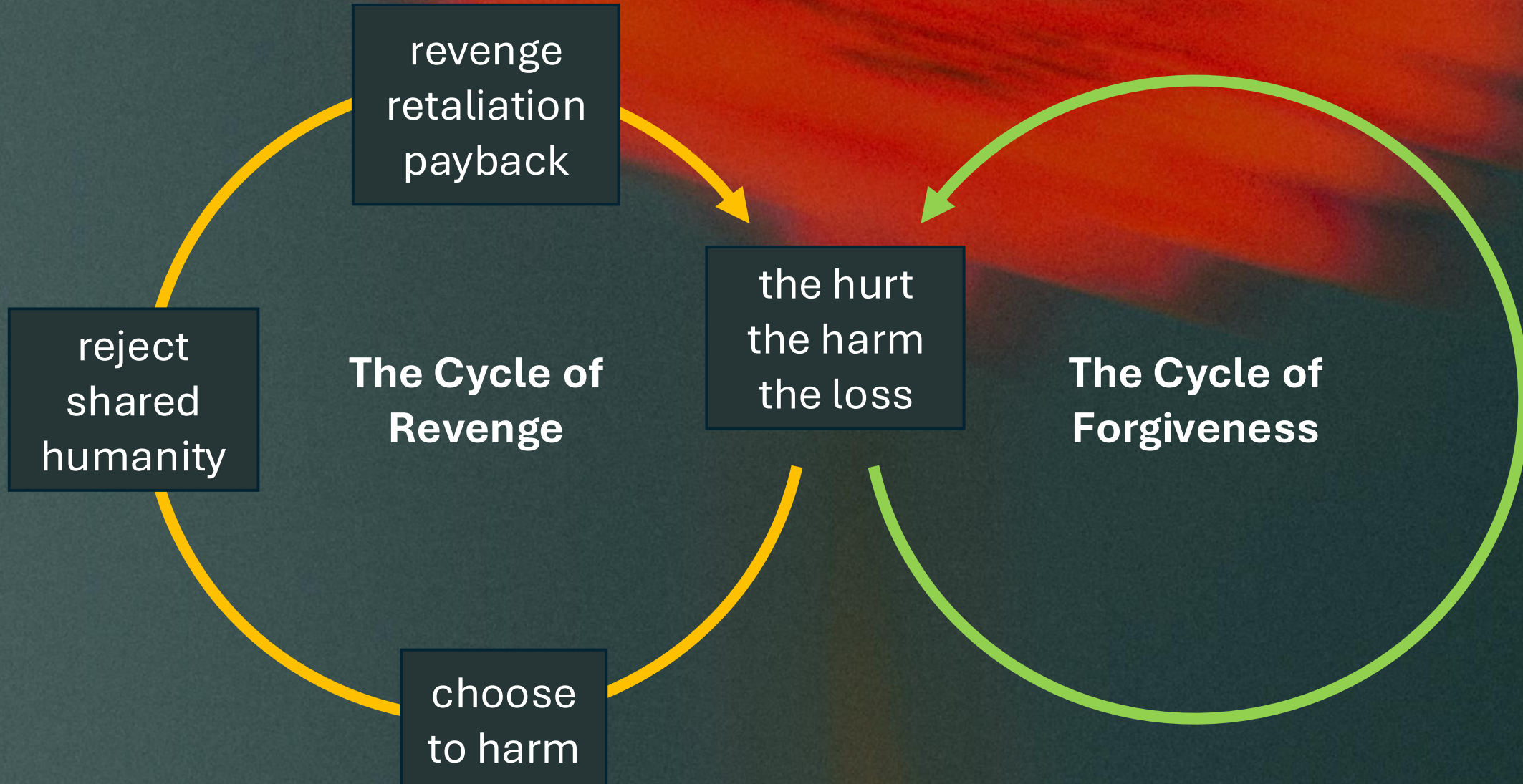
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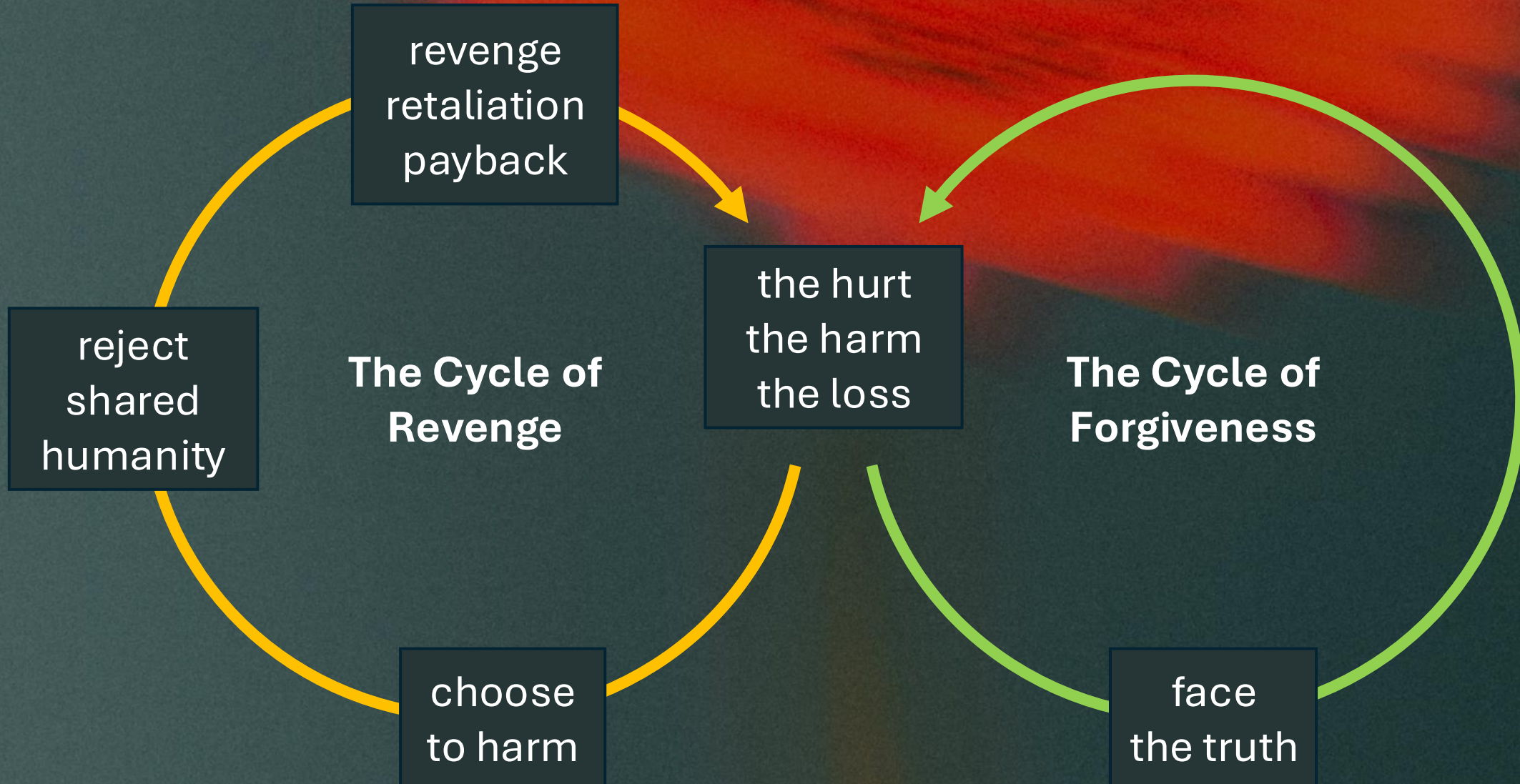
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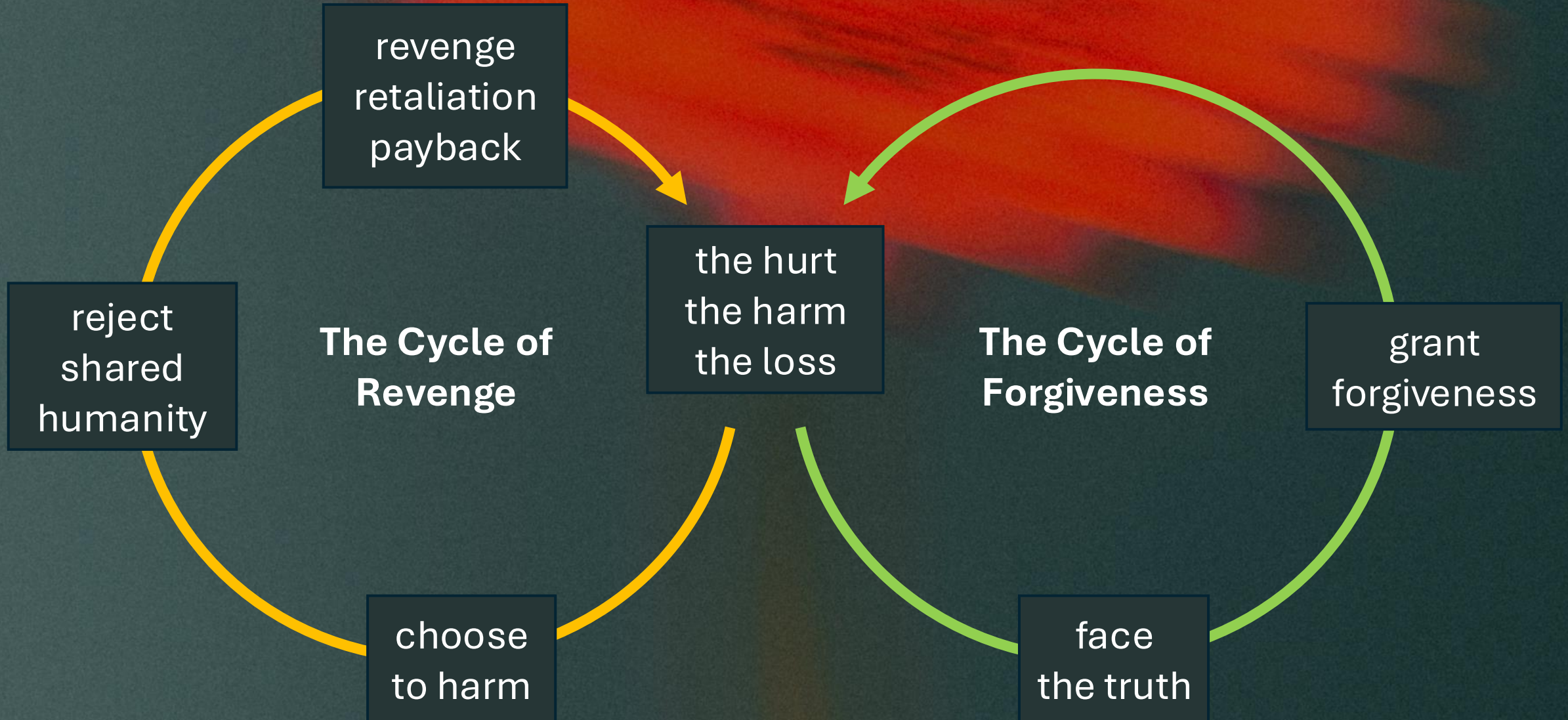
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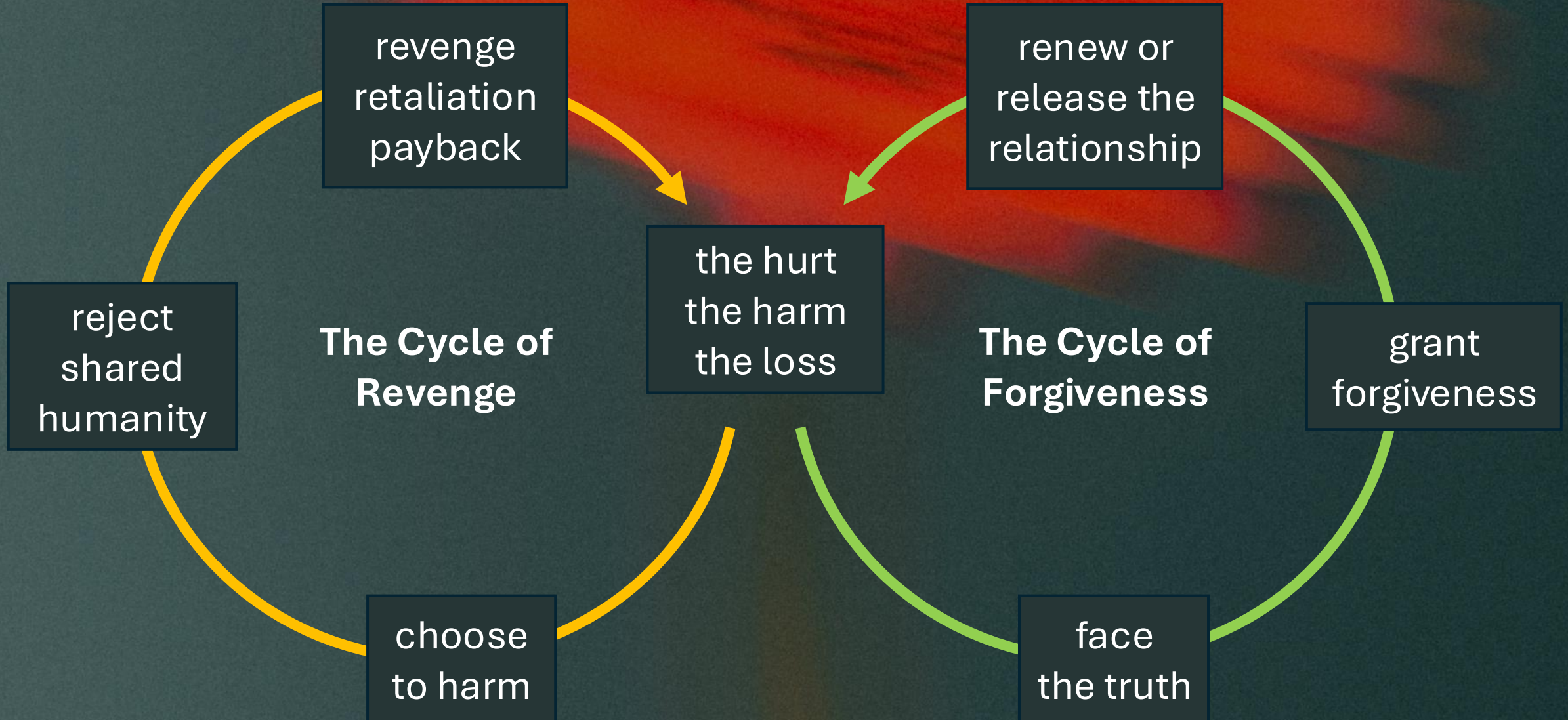
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5. Renew or Release the Relationship

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Conclusion

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- *compels us to forgive,*
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- *to absorb the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ into our hearts to love well.*