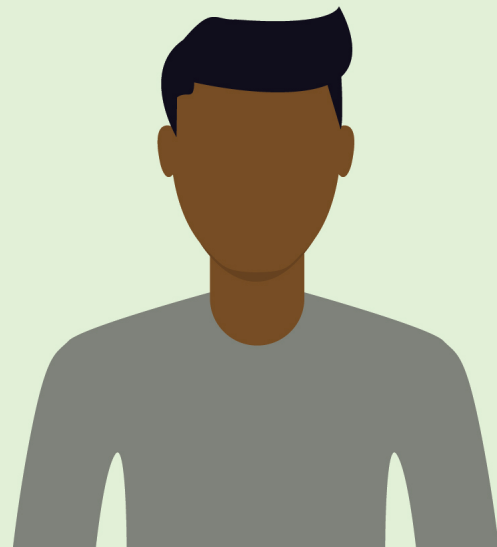
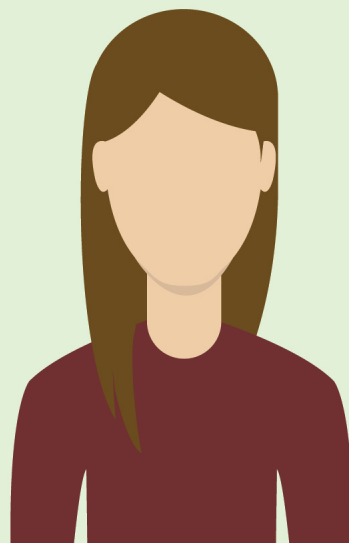
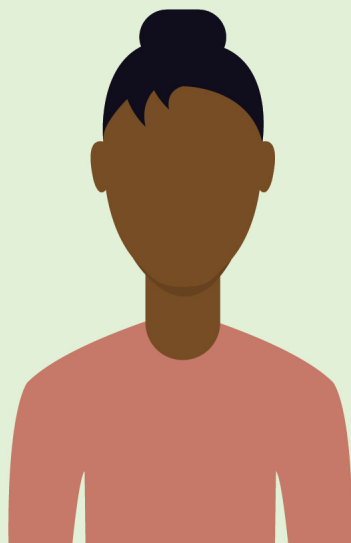
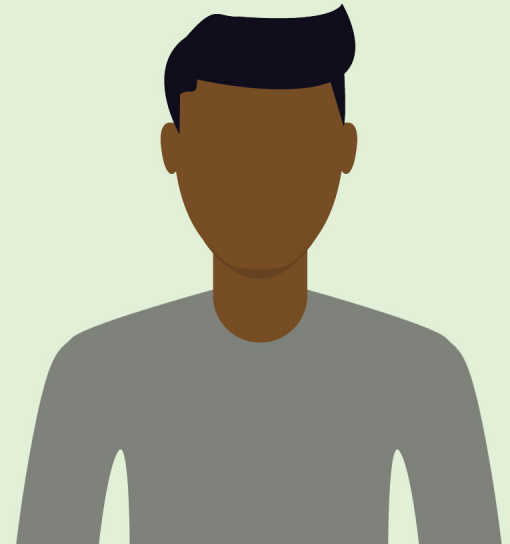
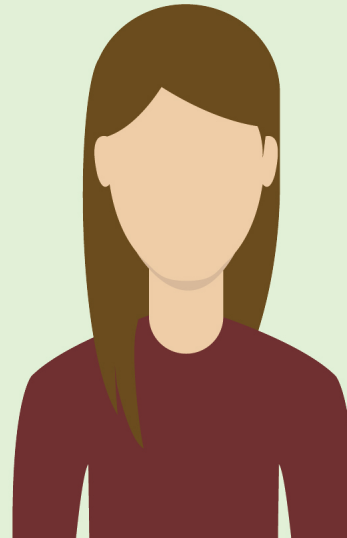
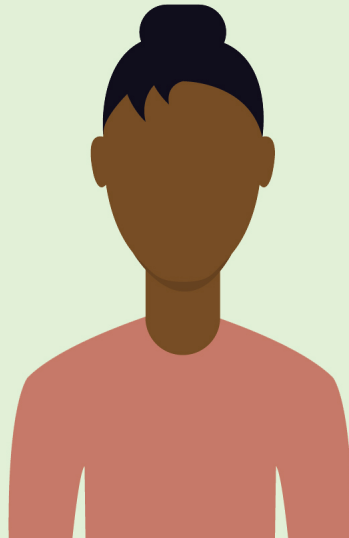
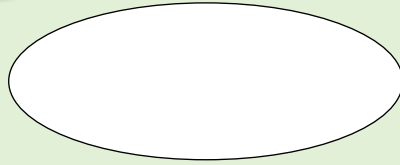


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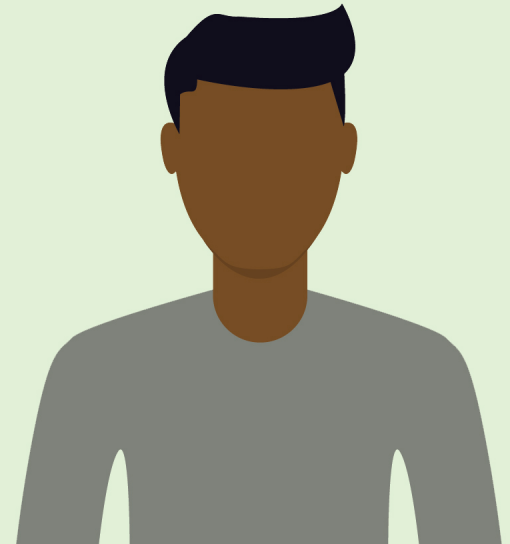
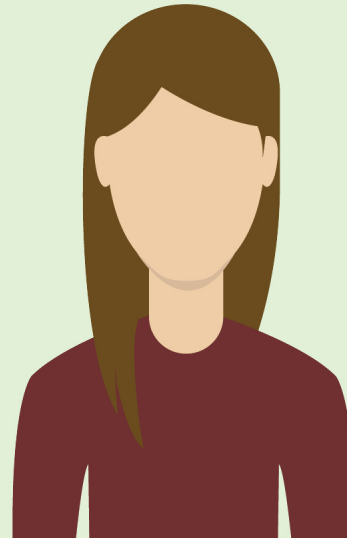
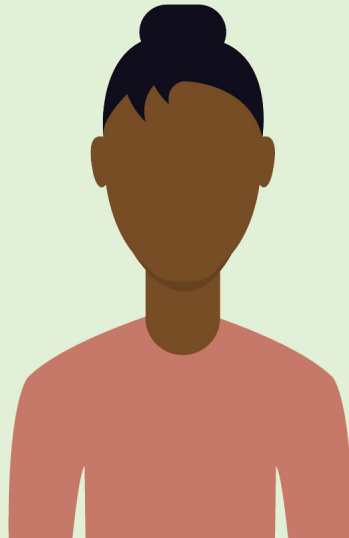


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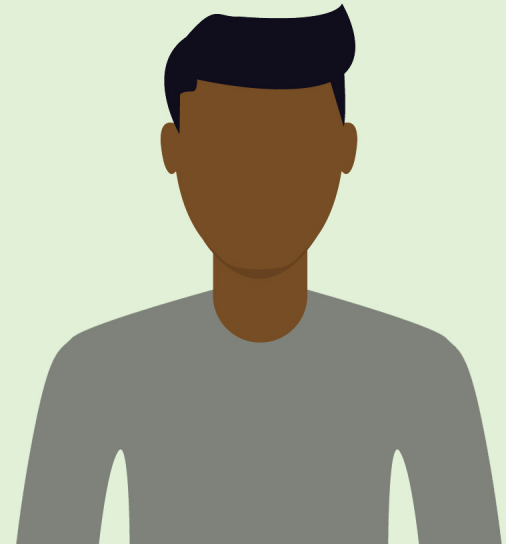
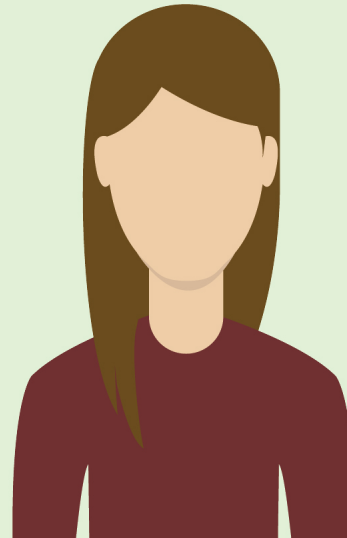
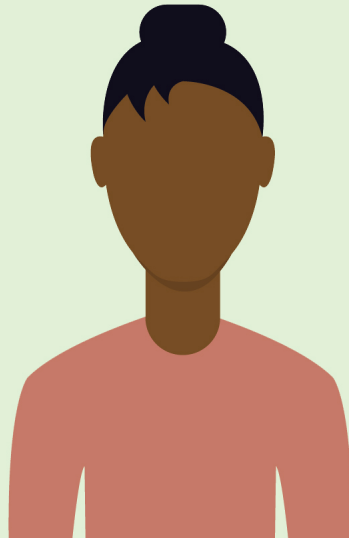
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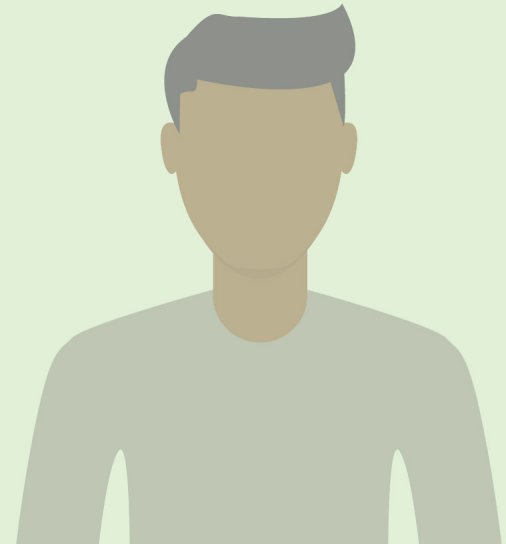
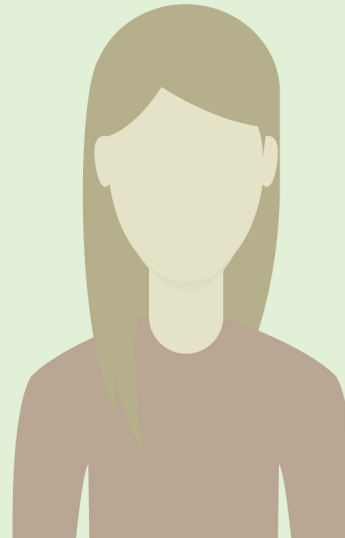
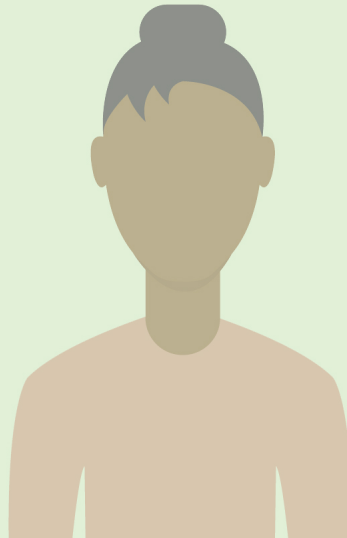
*they can be the source of all sorts of pain!*





## Ephesians 5:1-2, 15-20

- 1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.
- 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.



**15 Look carefully then how you walk,**

not as unwise but as wise,

16 making the best use of the time,

because the days are evil.

17 Therefore do not be foolish,

but understand what the will of the Lord is.

18 And do not get drunk with wine,

for that is debauchery, **but be filled with the Spirit,**

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*...to yield...*

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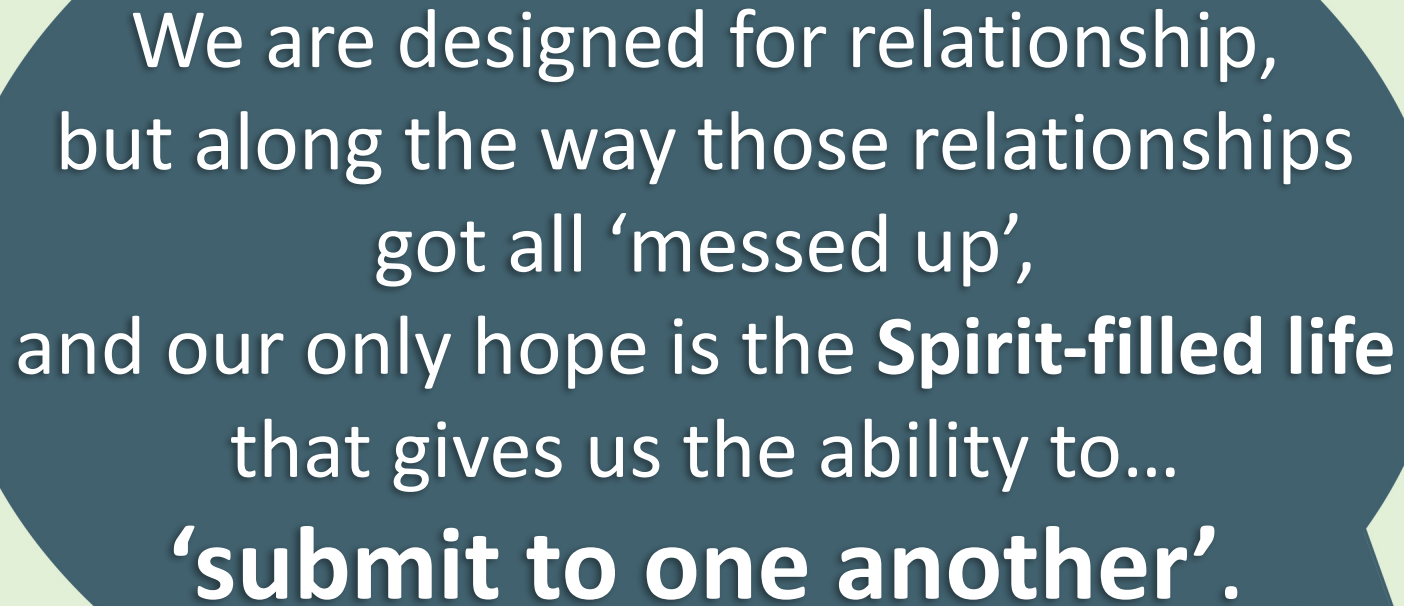
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***...to stop resisting...***

***...to stop hiding...***





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# Prepare/Enrich: Relational Assessment

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## Communication

Measures how they feel about the quality and quantity of communication they have... explores how they share feelings, understand and listen to one another.

# Prepare/Enrich: Relational Assessment

## Communication

## Conflict Resolution

Looks at their ability to discuss and resolve differences. Measures how effectively the share opinions, ideas, even during times of conflict.

# Prepare/Enrich: Relational Assessment

Communication

Conflict  
Resolution

Partner  
Style  
and  
Habits

Looks at  
the  
satisfac-  
tion of  
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habits  
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ed in  
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<u>Communication</u>	<u>Conflict Resolution</u>	<u>Partner Style and Habits</u>	<u>Financial Management</u>  Explores opinions about spending habits, saving, debt and making financial decisions.
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# Prepare/Enrich: Relational Assessment

<u>Communication</u>	<u>Conflict Resolution</u>	<u>Partner Style and Habits</u>	<u>Financial Management</u>	<u>Leisure Activities</u>  Looks at the satisfaction with the amount of leisure time spent together, similar interest, and time with others.
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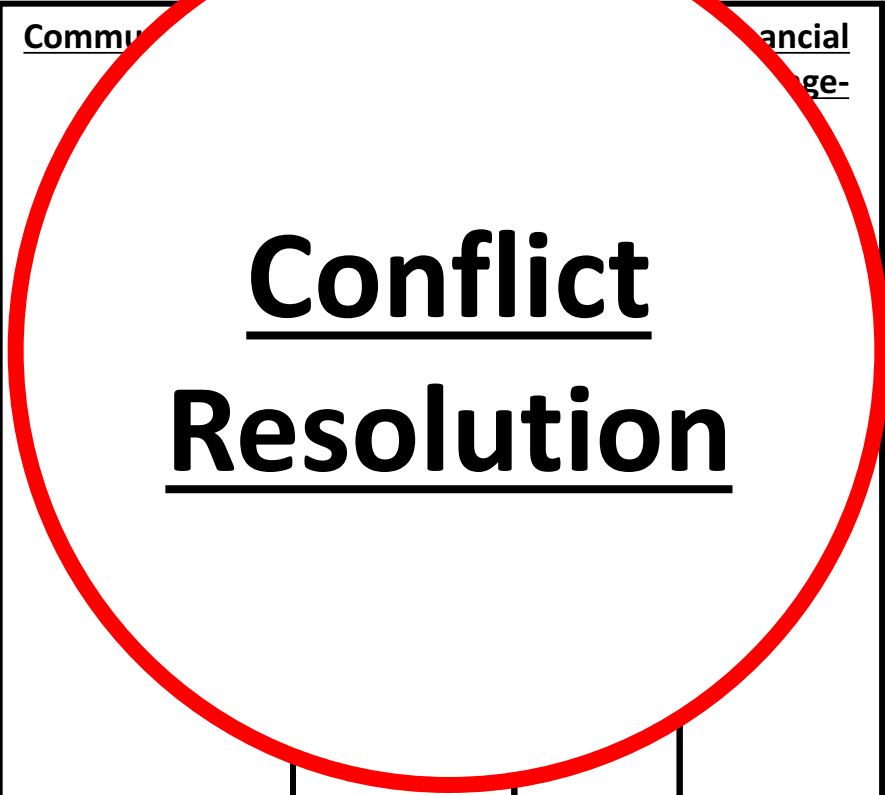
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								Looks at how satisfied they are with the expression and practice of spiritual values and involvement.



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**Peacemaker Ministries**

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## Proverbs 19:11

Good sense makes one  
slow to anger, and it is his  
glory to overlook an  
offense.

Suicide Flight Denial

Escape Responses

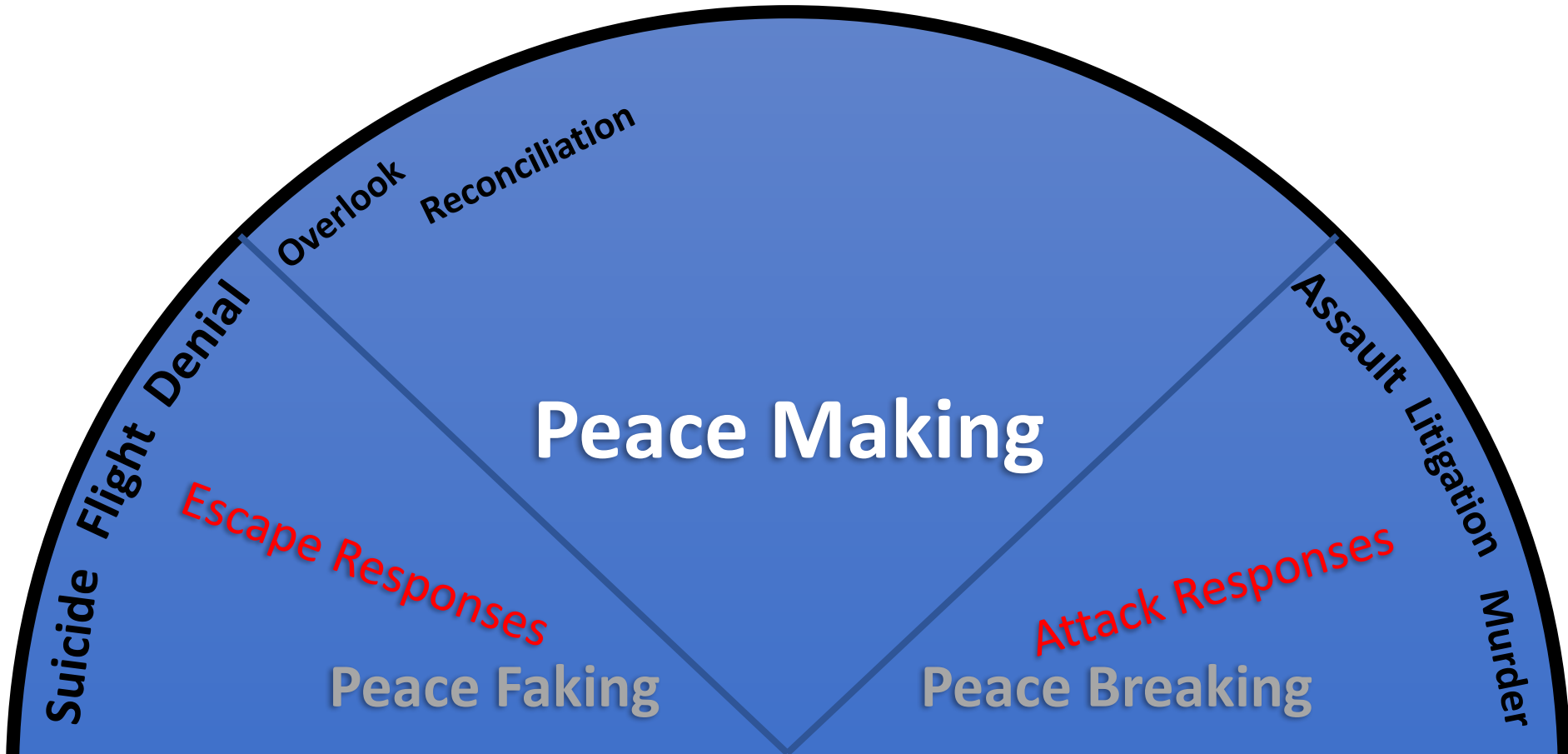
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## Matthew 18:15

If your brother sins against you, go tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

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## Philippians 2:4

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

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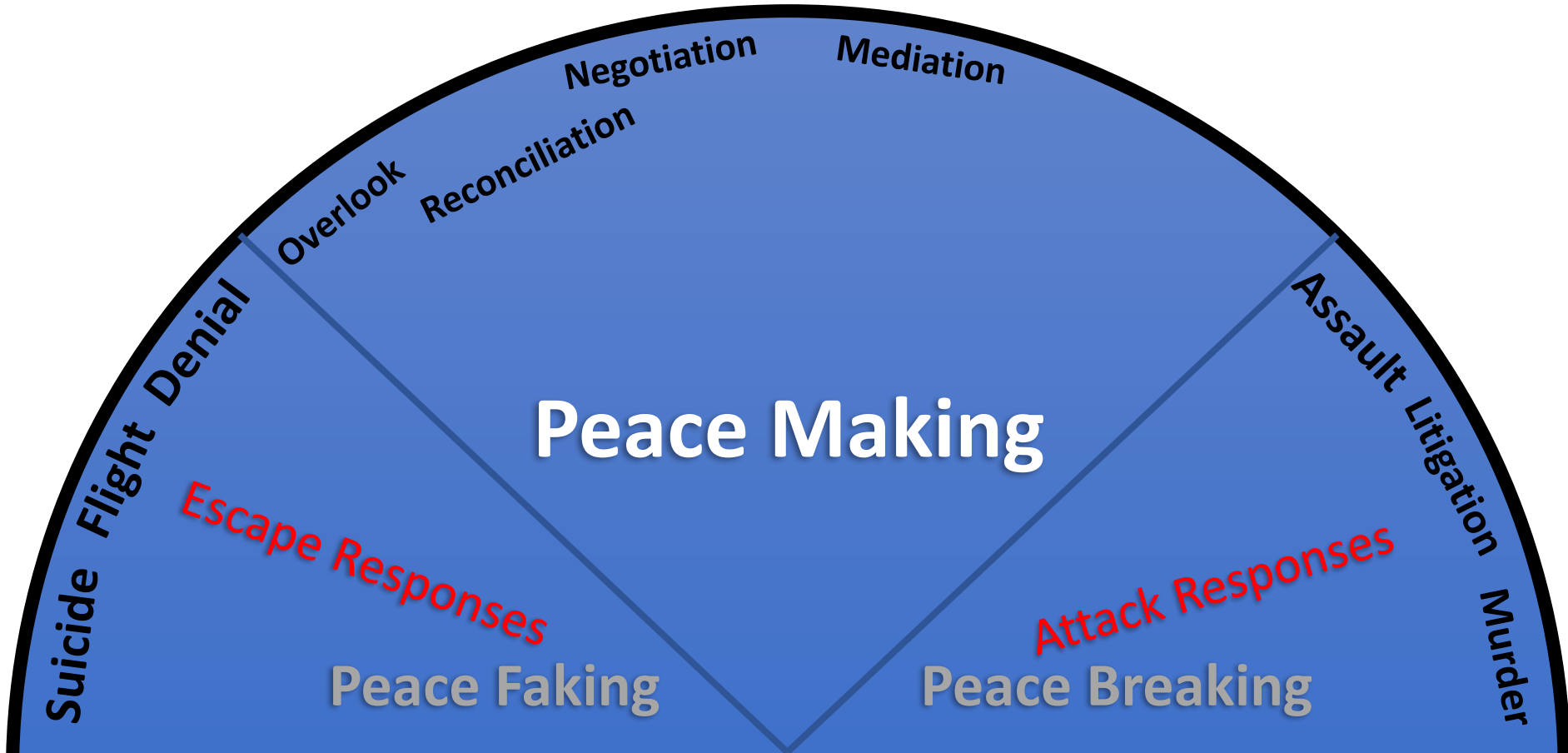
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## Matthew 18:16

If he will not listen *to you*,  
take one or two others  
along.

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## 1 Corinthians 6:4

If you have disputes about such matters, appoint as judges even men of little account in the church.

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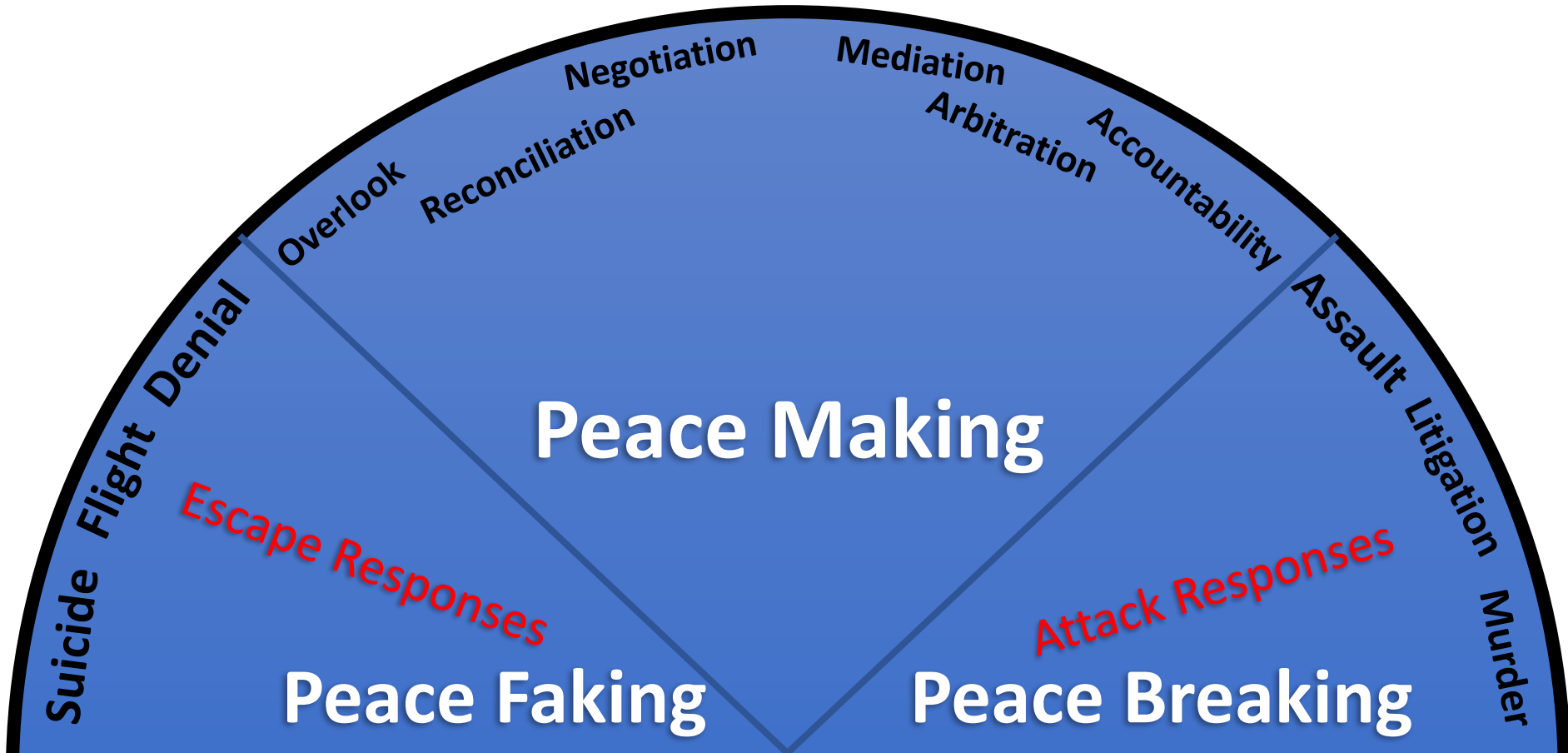
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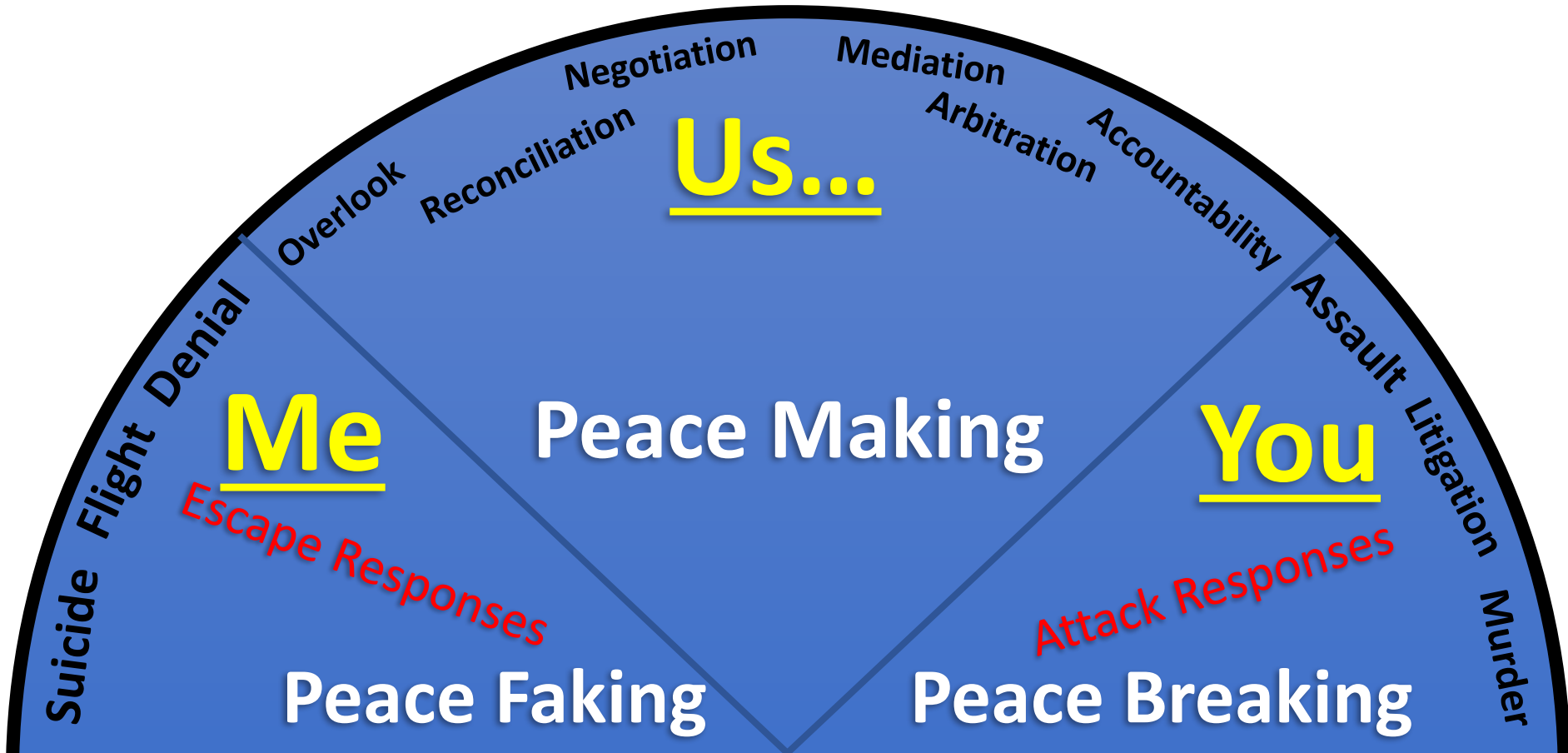
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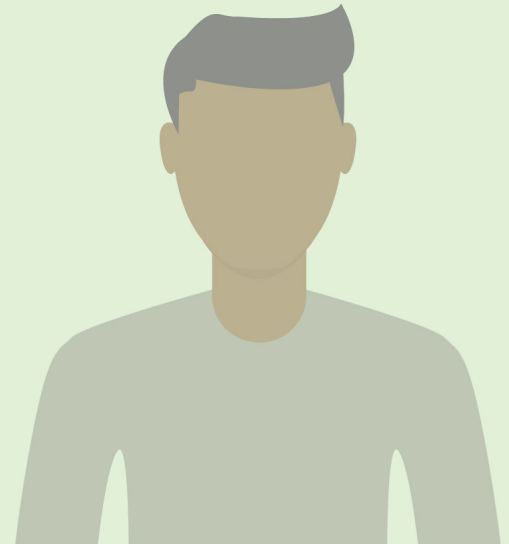
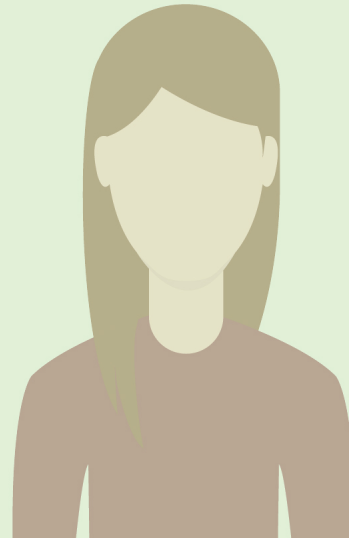
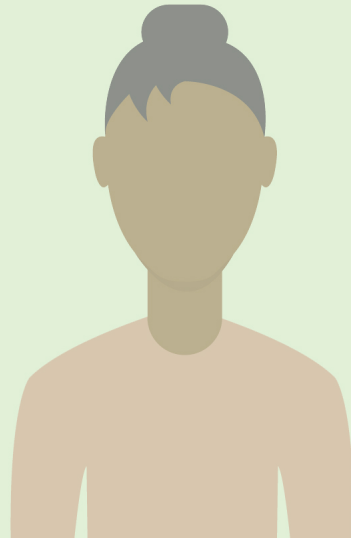
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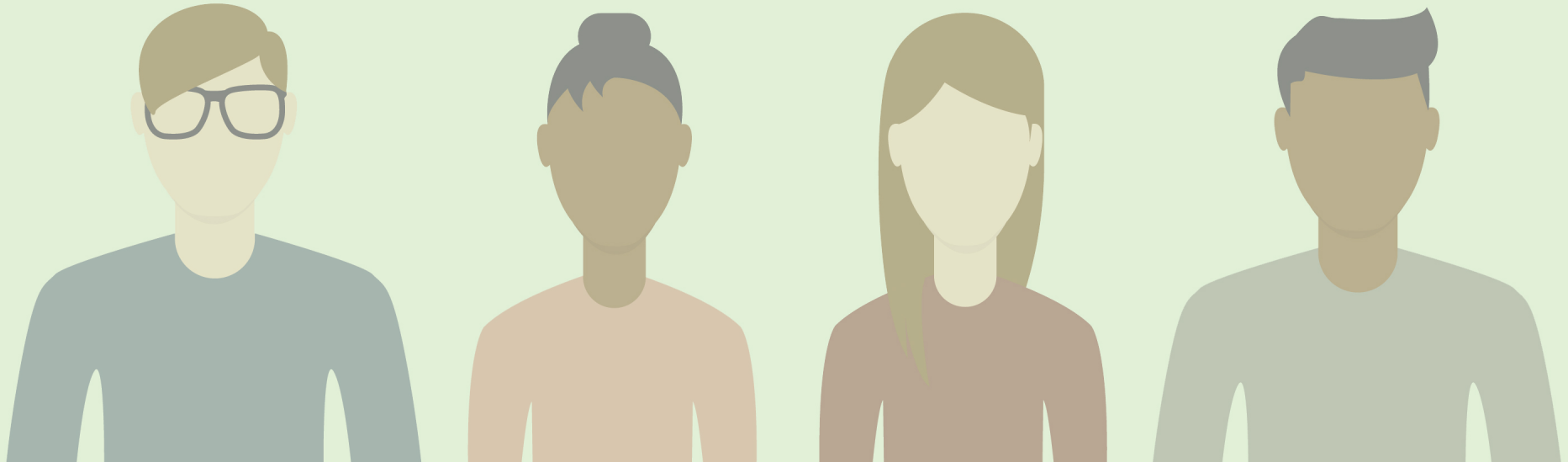
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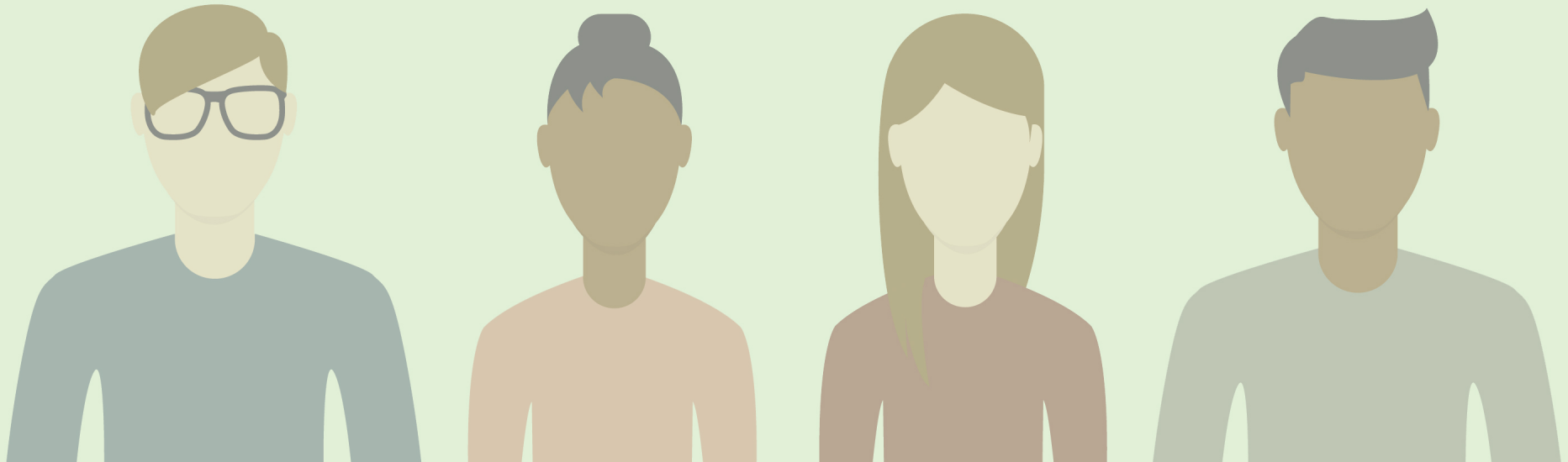
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therefore...  
what now?



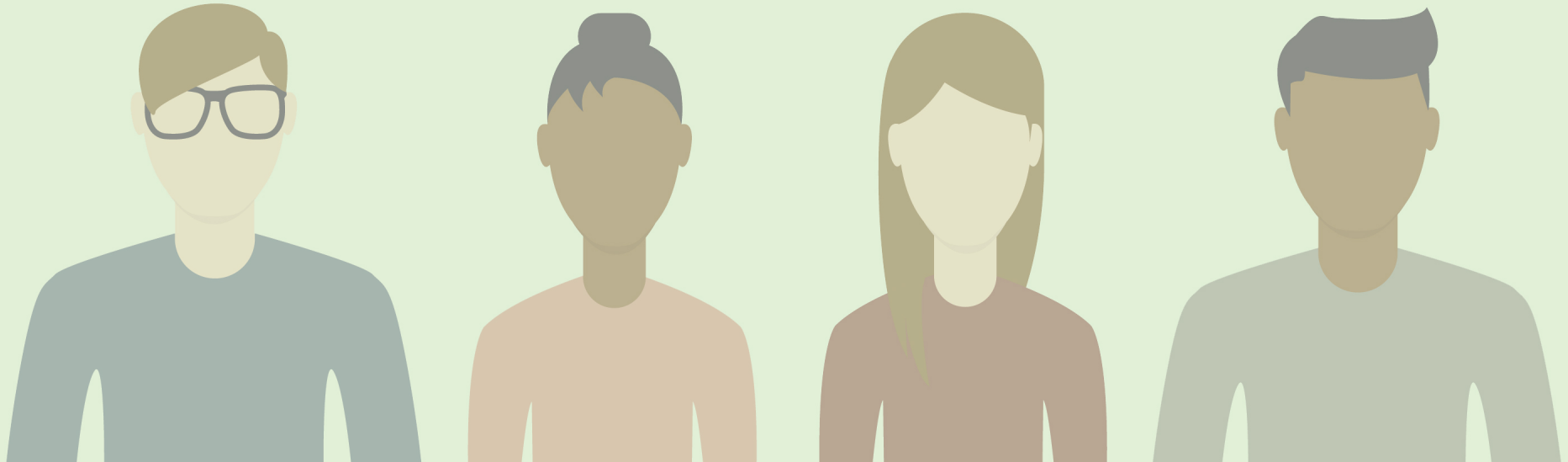
We tend to gravitate toward  
escaping or attacking...



...some how peacemaking  
seems way to hard...



...that's because it will require that we  
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and that we  
*stop hiding from one another !*

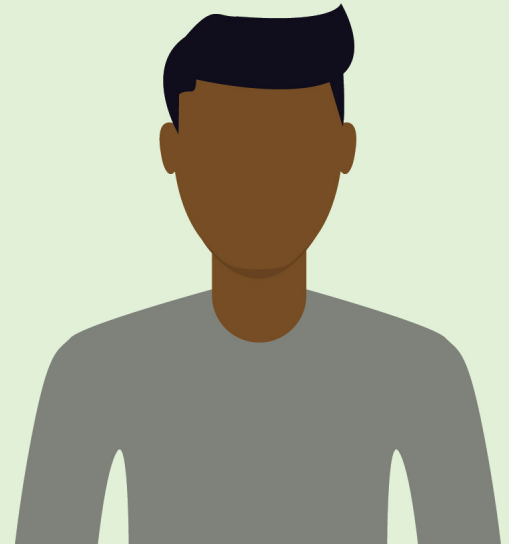
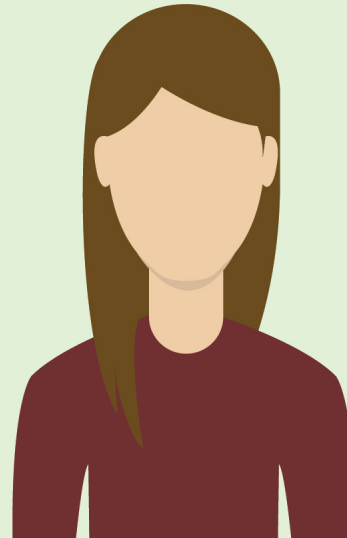
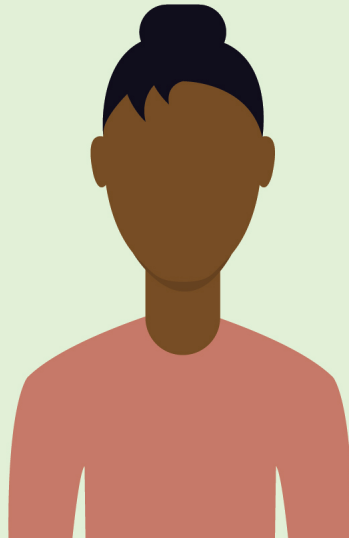


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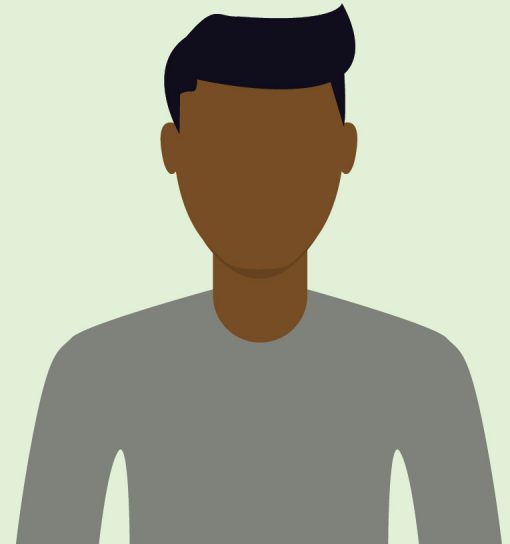
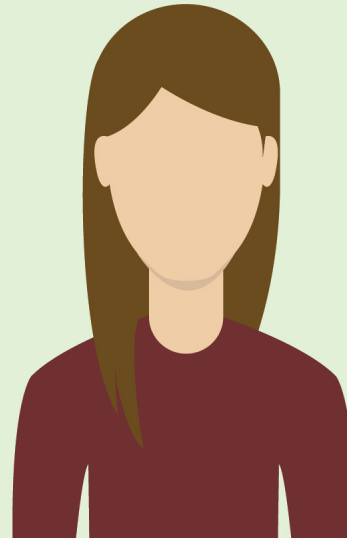
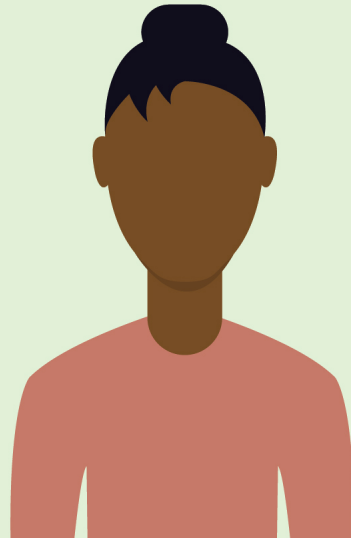
"Submit to one another out of  
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What are you?



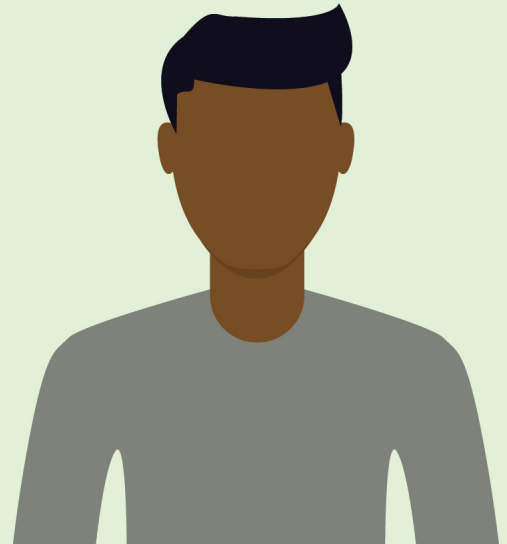
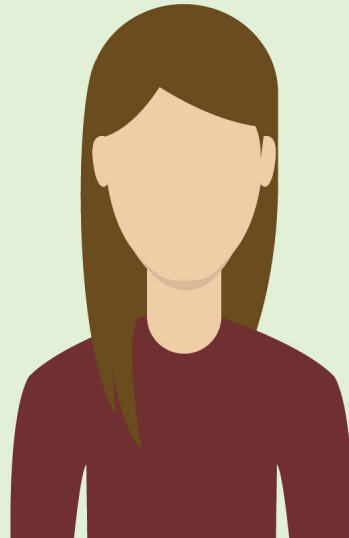
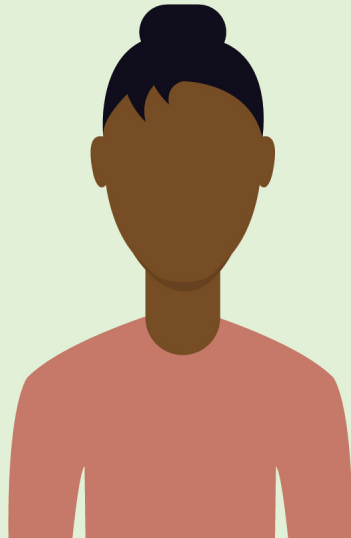


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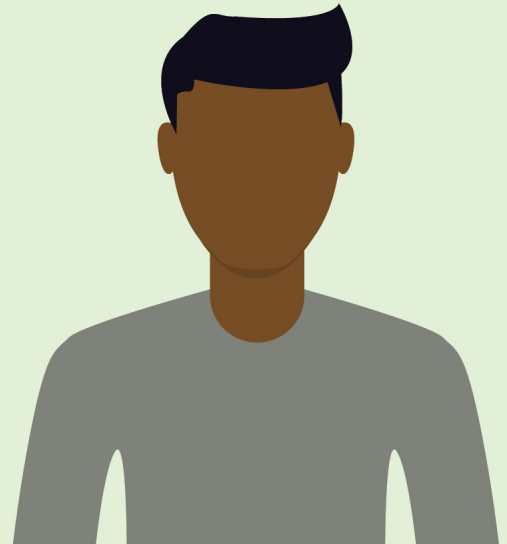
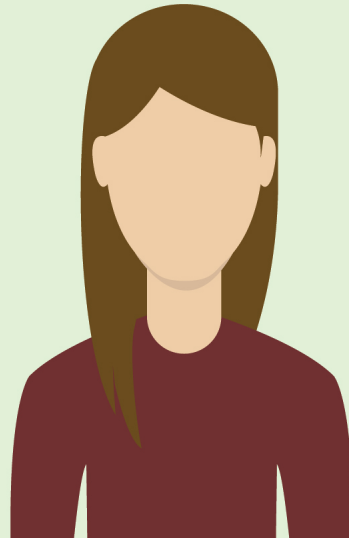
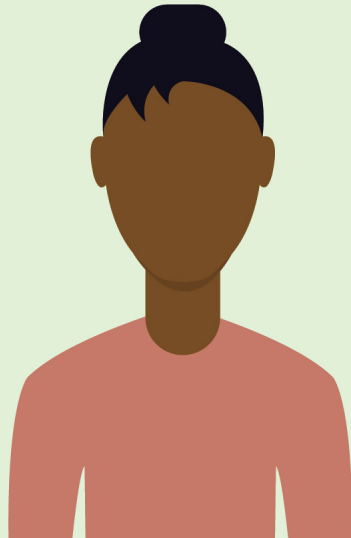


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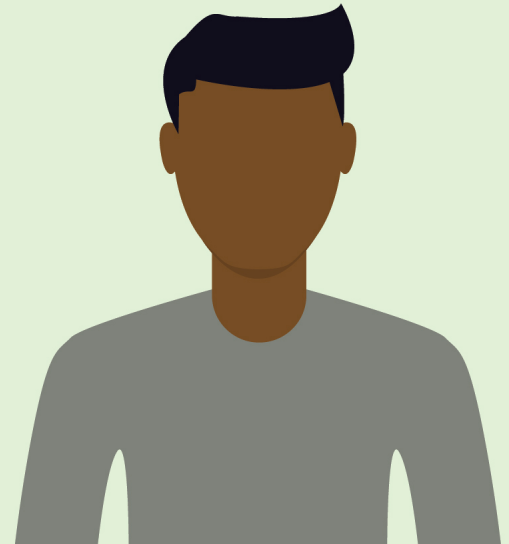
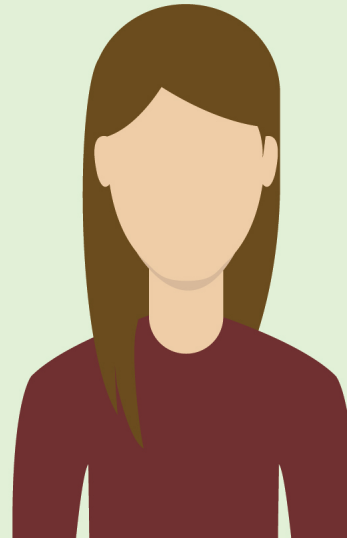
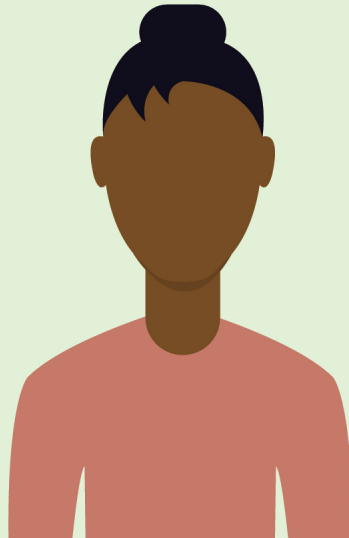


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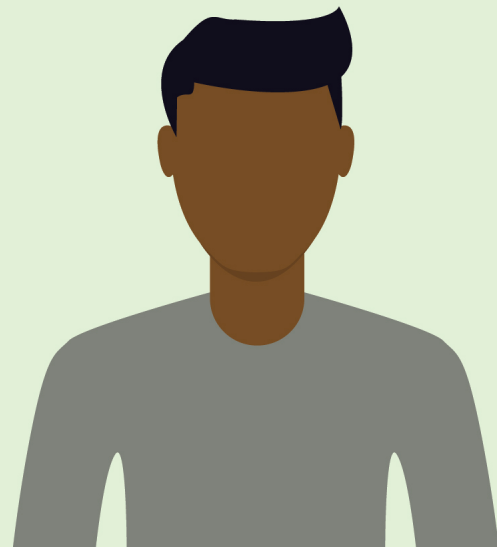
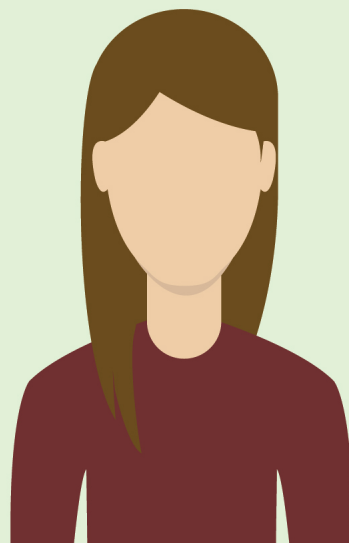
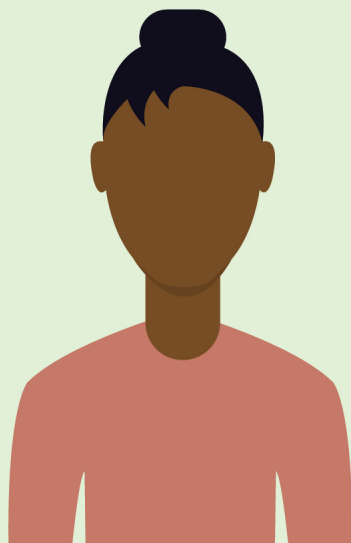




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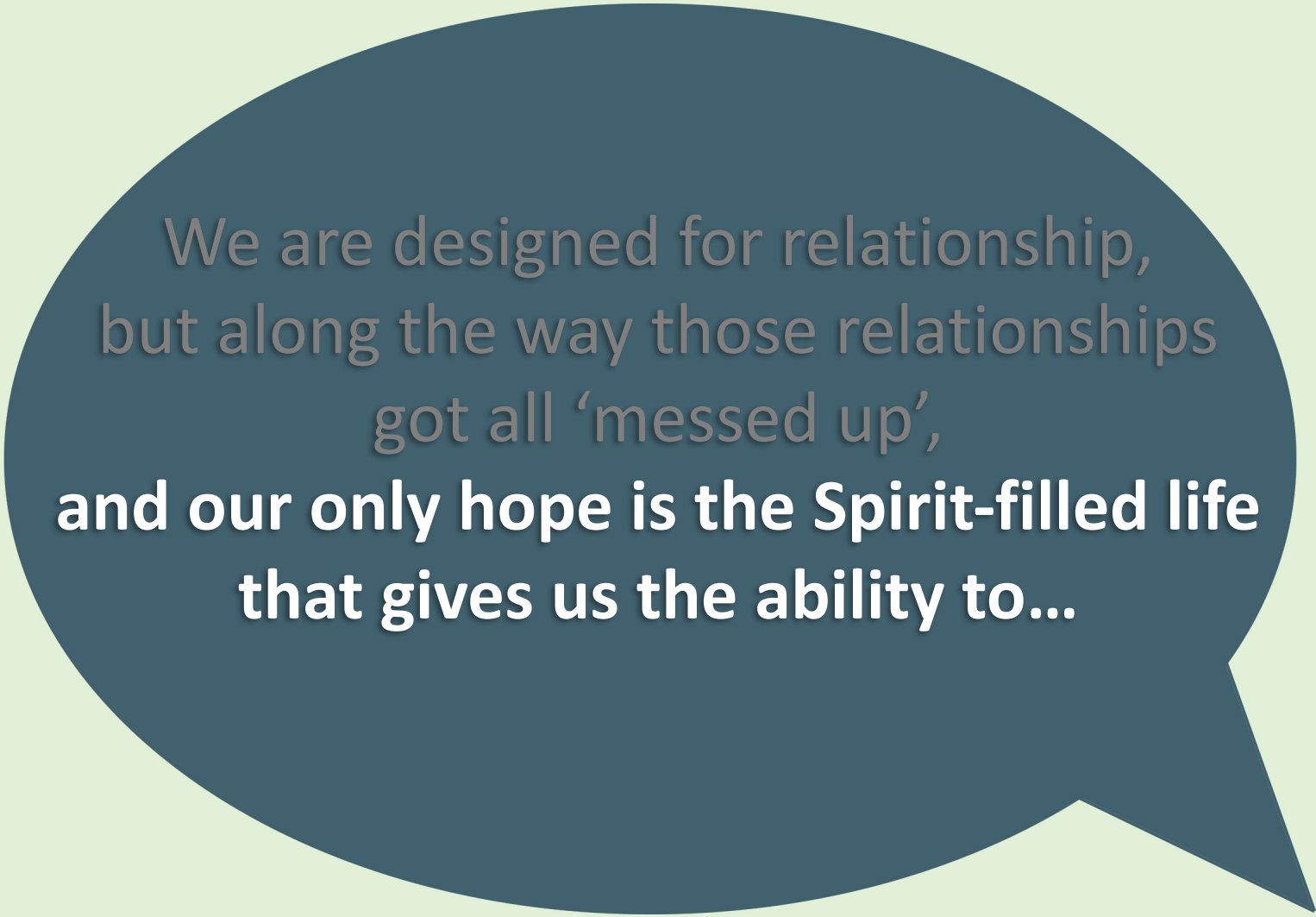




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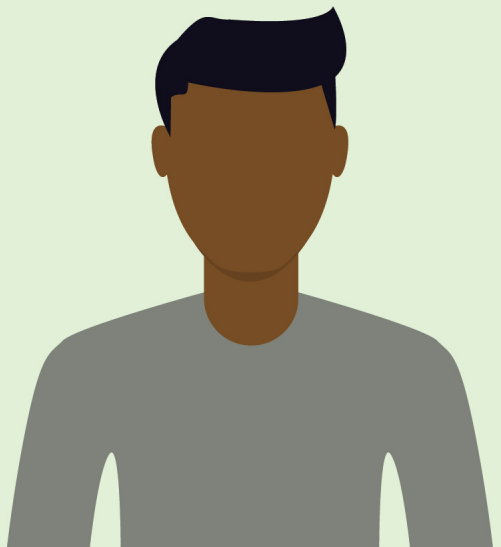
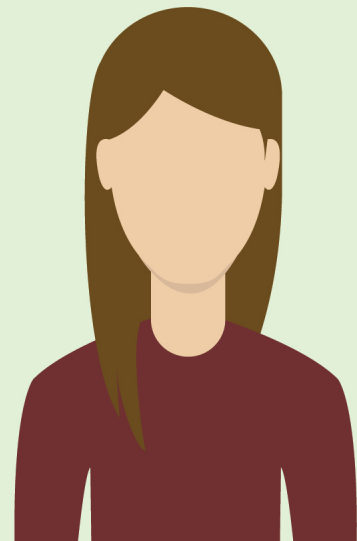
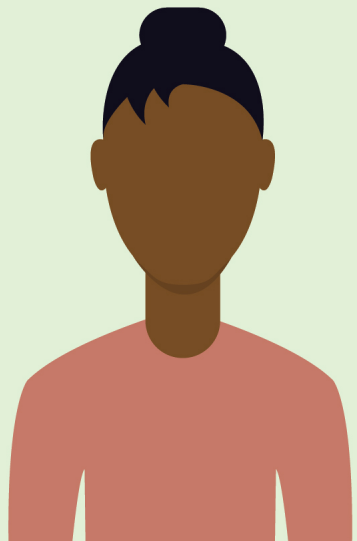



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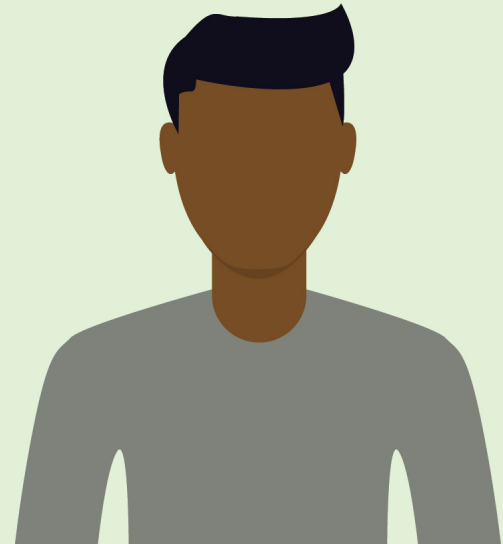
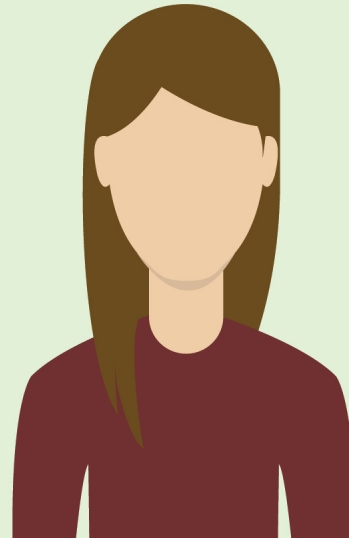
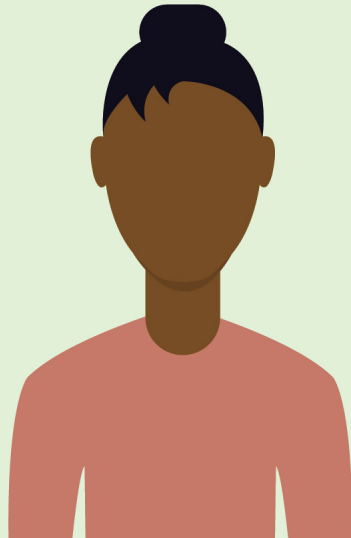
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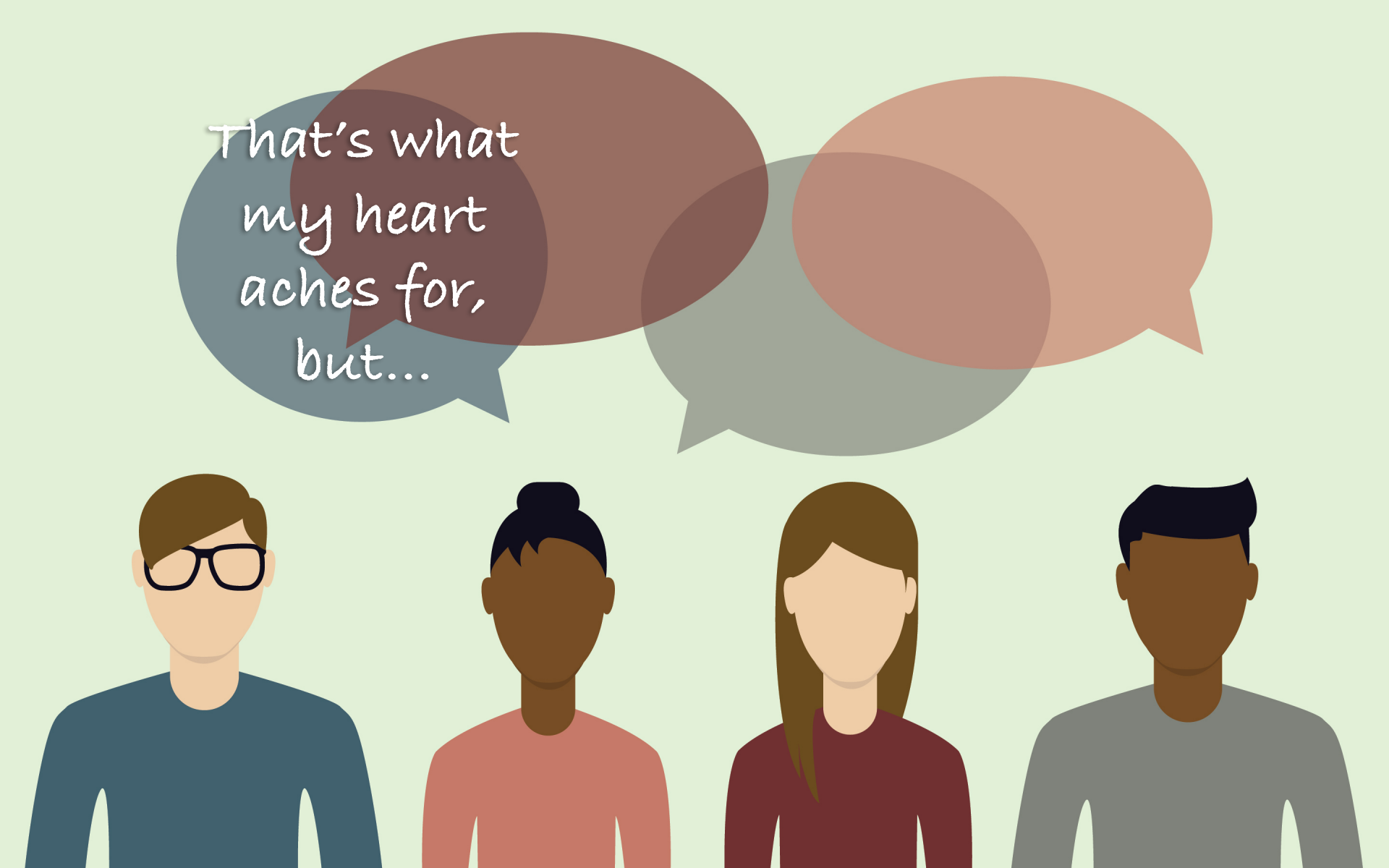
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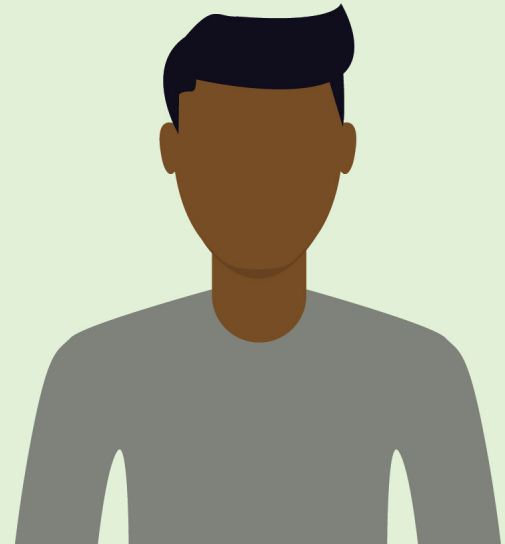
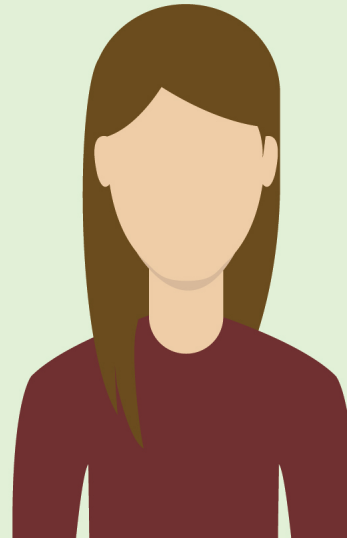
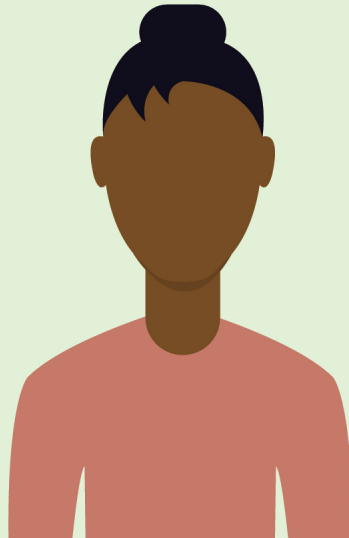


You must be  
out of your  
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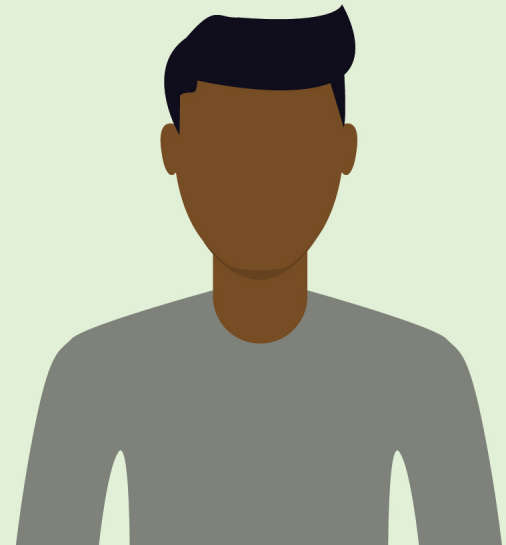
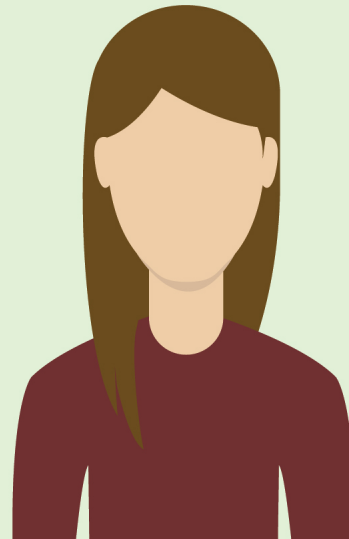
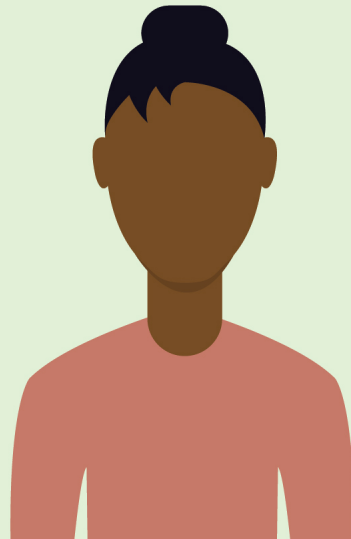





That's what  
my heart  
aches for,  
but...




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An illustration featuring four stylized human figures in a row at the bottom. From left to right: a man with brown hair and glasses wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt; a woman with dark skin and hair in a bun wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt; a woman with long brown hair wearing a maroon long-sleeved shirt; and a man with dark skin and short dark hair wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt. Above the figures are four overlapping speech bubbles. The top-left bubble is dark blue, the top-middle bubble is dark brown, and the top-right bubble is light brown and contains the text. The bottom-most bubble is grey. The background is a light green gradient.

I have a lot of  
wounds that  
need to be dealt  
with.

An illustration featuring four stylized human figures at the bottom, representing diverse backgrounds. Above them are several overlapping speech bubbles in various colors (blue, brown, grey, red). The central focus is a grey speech bubble containing the text: "It would take an act of God to help me get there...".

It would take  
an act of God to  
help me get  
there...



"EXACTLY"....





"EXACTLY"....

...see you next week!



