

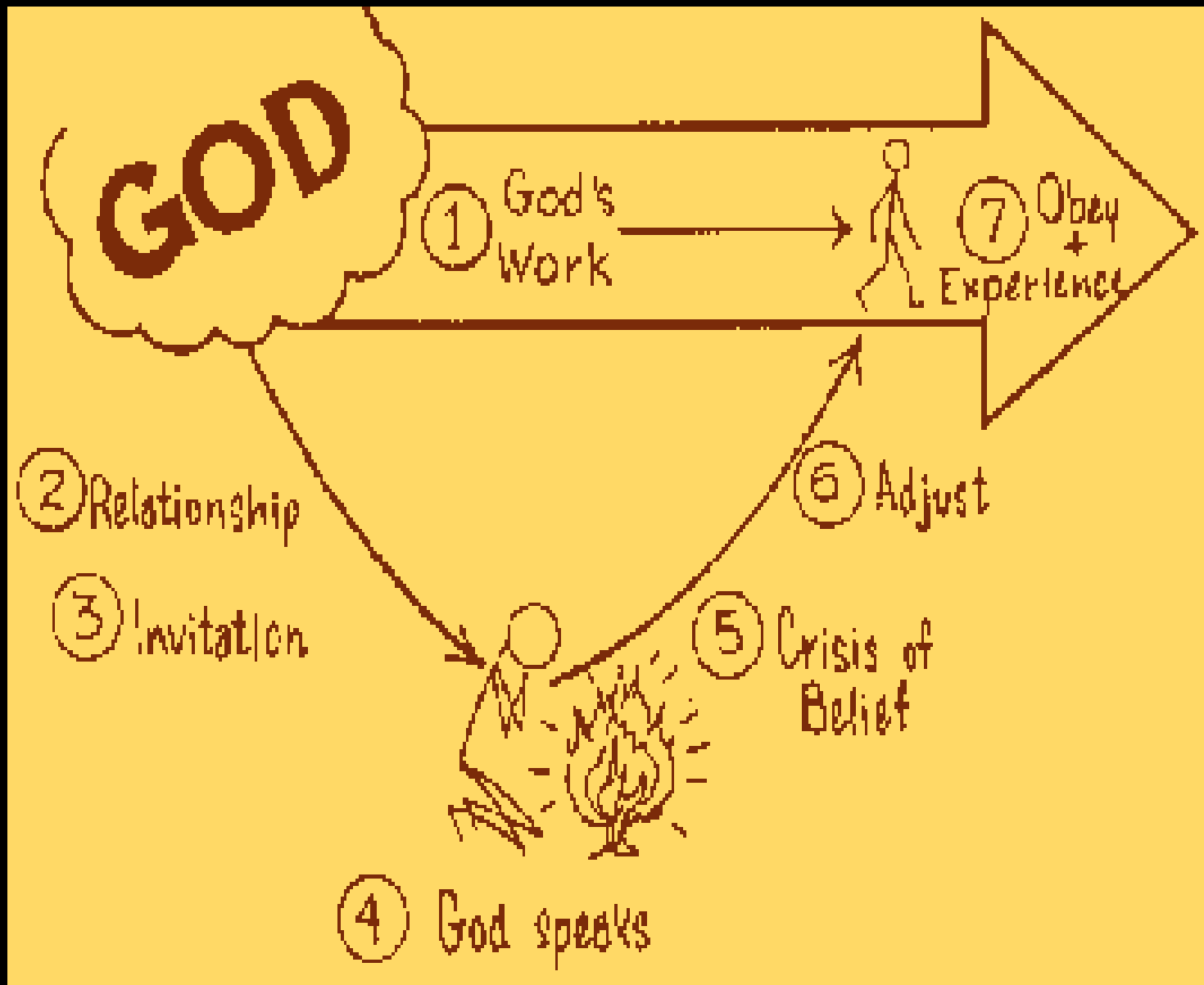
EXPERIENCING
GOD



The Seven Realities of
Experiencing God

“Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals his secret to his servants the prophets.” (Amos 3:7)

- When God spoke, they knew it was God.**
- They knew what God was saying.**
- They knew what they were to do in response.**



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- 2. God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.**

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3. God invites you to become involved with him in his work.

4. God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.

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5. God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.

6. You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what he is doing.

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7. You come to know God by experience as you obey Him and He accomplishes His work through you.

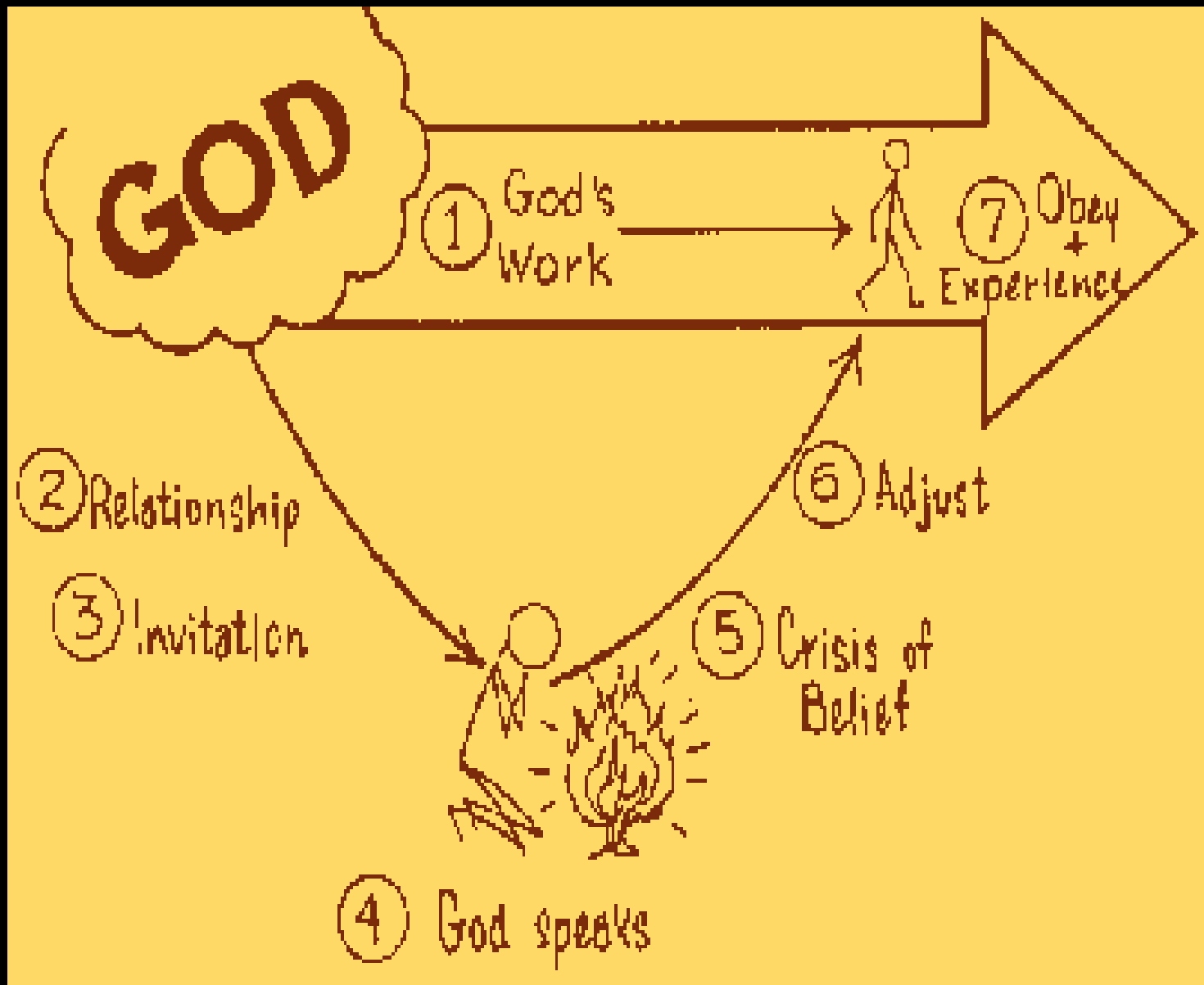
Reality 1:

God is always at work around you.

When did God begin to work in this world?

Through whom has He chosen to work?

“Many years later the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery and cried out. Their cries for relief from their hard labor ascended to God: God listened to their groaning. God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. God saw what was going on with Israel. God understood.” (Exodus 2:23-25)



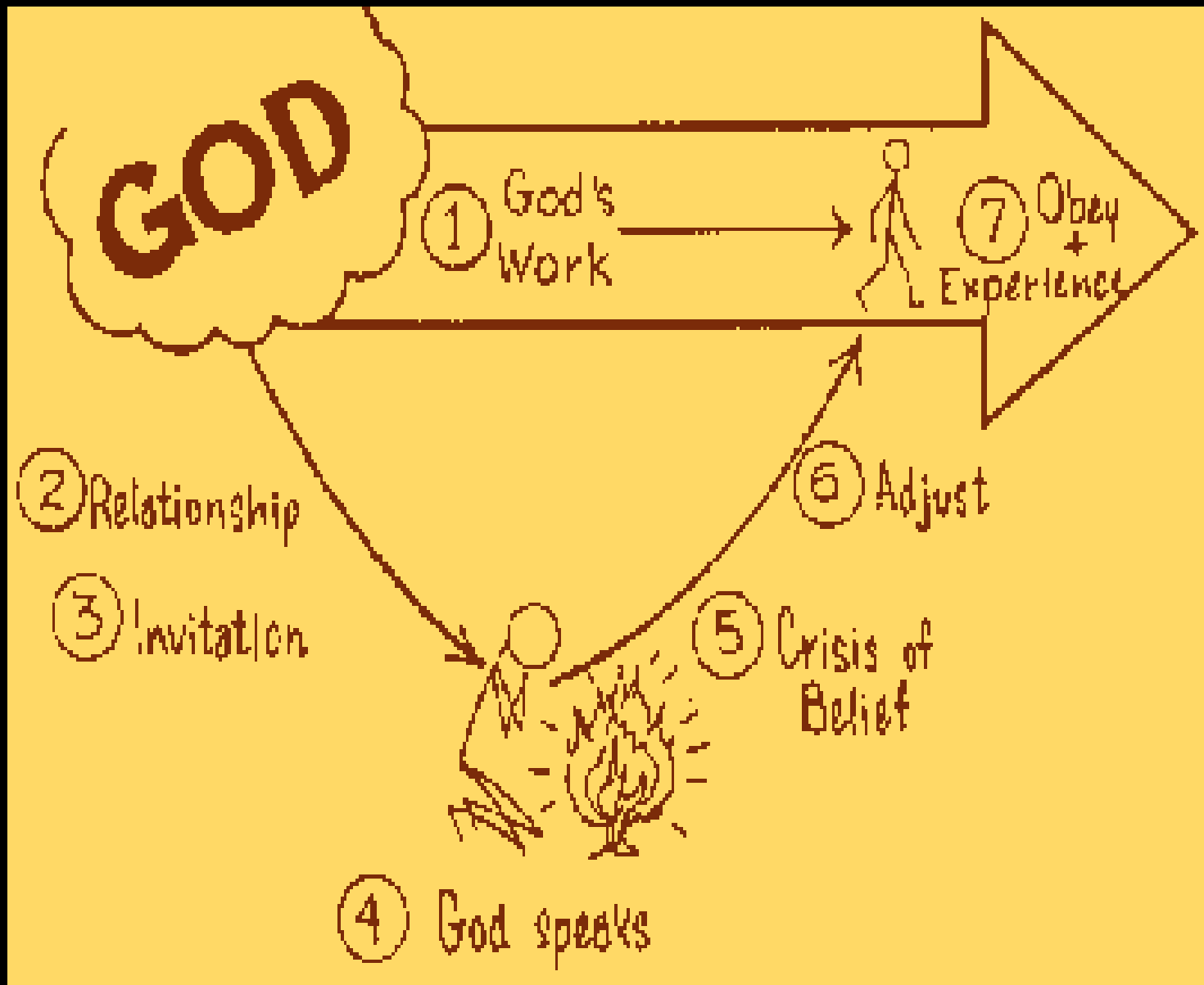
Reality 2:

God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.

“GOD said to Moses, “Climb higher up the mountain and wait there for me; I’ll give you tablets of stone, the teachings and commandments that I’ve written to instruct them.....”

**Then Moses climbed the mountain.
The Cloud covered the mountain.
The Glory of GOD settled over
Mount Sinai. The Cloud covered it
for six days. On the seventh day he
called out of the Cloud to Moses.
And Moses was on the mountain 40
days and 40 nights.”**

(Exodus 24:12, 15-16, 18)



Reality 3:

God invites you to become involved in his work.

What right do I have to initiate a work for God?

When God reveals where He is working, what does that become for me?

**“I have come down to deliver them
(the Israelites) out of the hand of
the Egyptians, and to bring them up
from that land to a good and large
land Come now, therefore,
and I will send you to Pharaoh that
you may bring my people, the
children of Israel, out of Egypt.”
(Exodus 3:8, 10)**

Reality 4:

God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal himself, His purposes, and His ways.

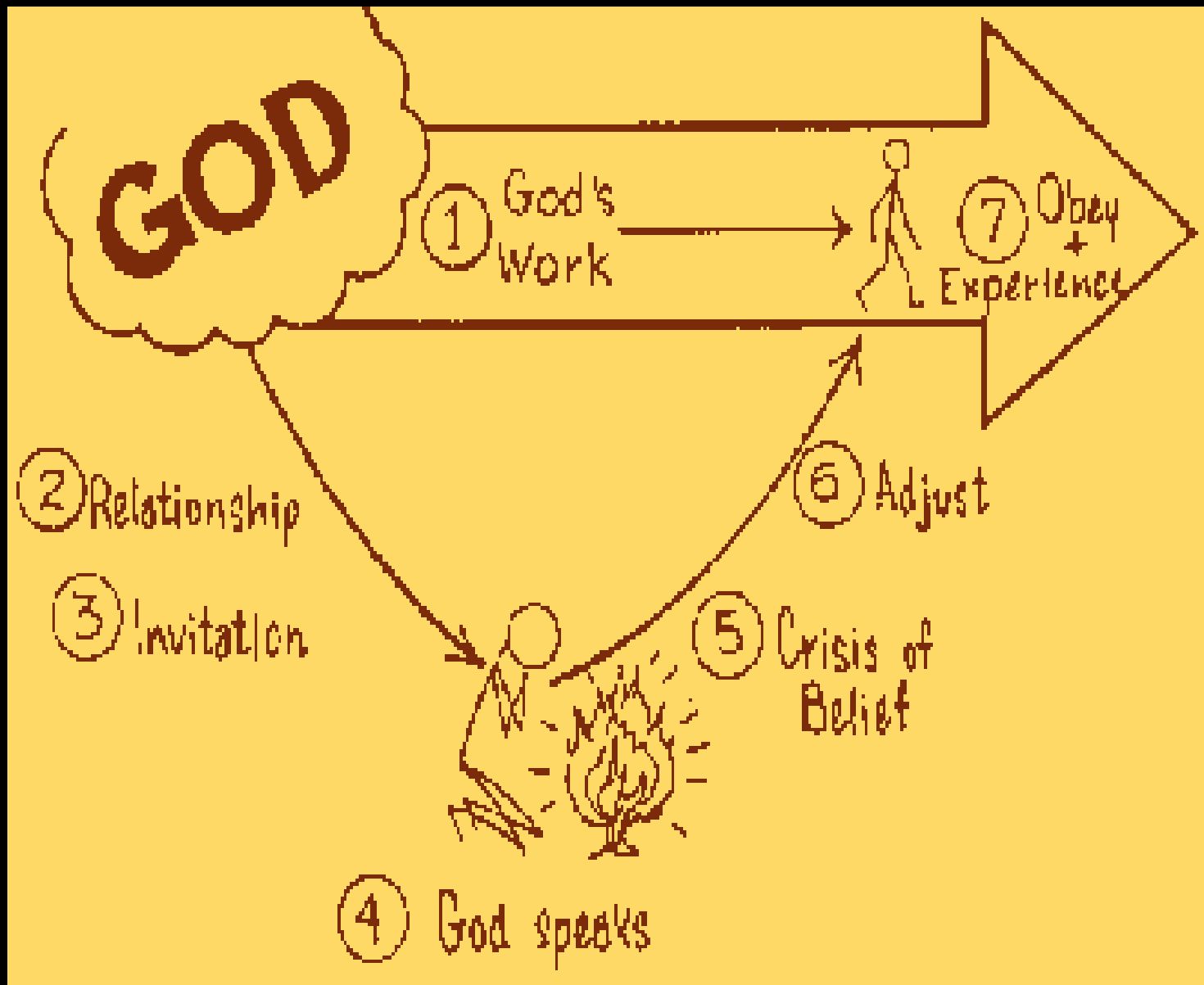
**“God’s glory is on tour in the skies,
God-craft on exhibit across the
horizon. Madame Day holds
classes every morning, Professor
Night lectures each evening.”
(Psalm 19:1-2)**

“The angel of GOD appeared to him in flames of fire blazing out of the middle of a bush. He looked. The bush was blazing away but it didn’t burn up. Moses said, “What’s going on here? I can’t believe this! Amazing! Why doesn’t the bush burn up? “GOD saw that he had stopped to look. God called to him from out of the bush...”

Moses! Moses!” He said, “Yes? I’m right here!” God said, “Don’t come any closer. Remove your sandals from your feet. You’re standing on holy ground. “Then he said, “I am the God of your father: The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob.” Moses hid his face, afraid to look at God. GOD said, “I’ve taken a good, long look at the affliction of my people in Egypt.

I've heard their cries for deliverance from their slave masters; I know all about their pain. And now I have come down to help them, pry them loose from the grip of Egypt, get them out of that country and bring them to a good land with wide-open spaces, a land lush with milk and honey, the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite.” (Exodus 3:2-8)

“If there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. Not so with my servant Moses, he is faithful in all My house. I speak with him face to face.” (Numbers 12:6-8)



Reality 5:

God's invitation for you to work with Him always leaves you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.

**“Moses answered God, “But why me? What makes you think that I could ever go to Pharaoh and lead the children of Israel out of Egypt?”
(Exodus 3:11)**

“Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they say to me, what is his name?’ What shall I say to them?” (Exodus 3:13)

“But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, ‘the Lord has not appeared to you?’” (Exodus 4:11)

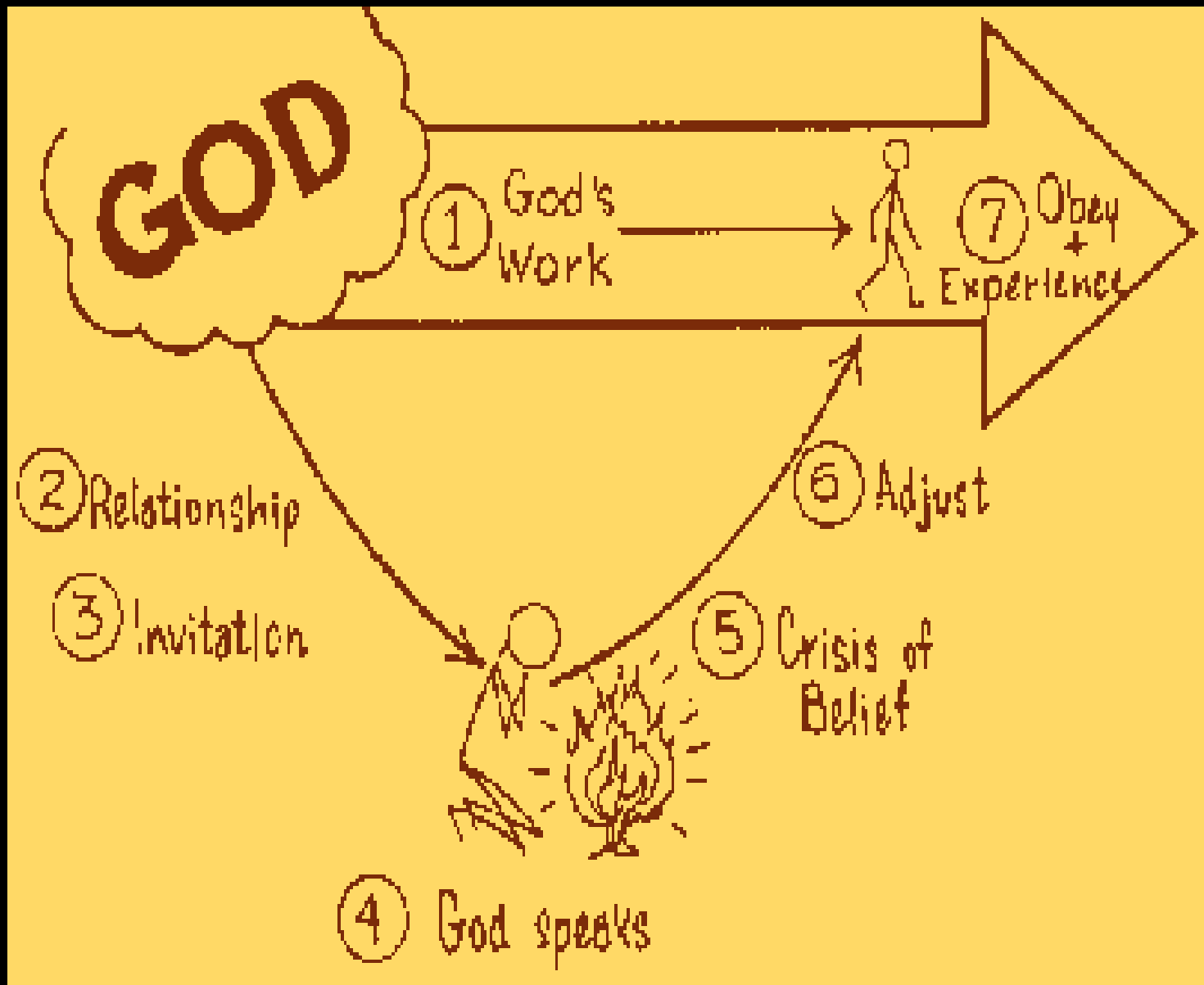
“Moses raised another objection to GOD: “Master, please, I don’t talk well. I’ve never been good with words, neither before nor after you spoke to me. I stutter and stammer.” (Exodus 4:10)

“He said, “Oh, Master, please! Send somebody else.” (Exodus 4:13)

“By faith, Moses, when grown, refused the privileges of the Egyptian royal house. He chose a hard life with God’s people rather than an opportunistic soft life of sin with the oppressors. He valued suffering in the Messiah’s camp far greater than Egyptian wealth because he was looking ahead, anticipating the payoff. By an act of faith, he turned his heel on Egypt,...

indifferent to the king's blind rage. He had his eye on the One no eye can see, and kept right on going. By an act of faith, he kept the Passover Feast and sprinkled Passover blood on each house so that the destroyer of the firstborn wouldn't touch them. By an act of faith, Israel walked through the Red Sea on dry ground. The Egyptians tried it and drowned."

Hebrews 11:24-29 (The Message)



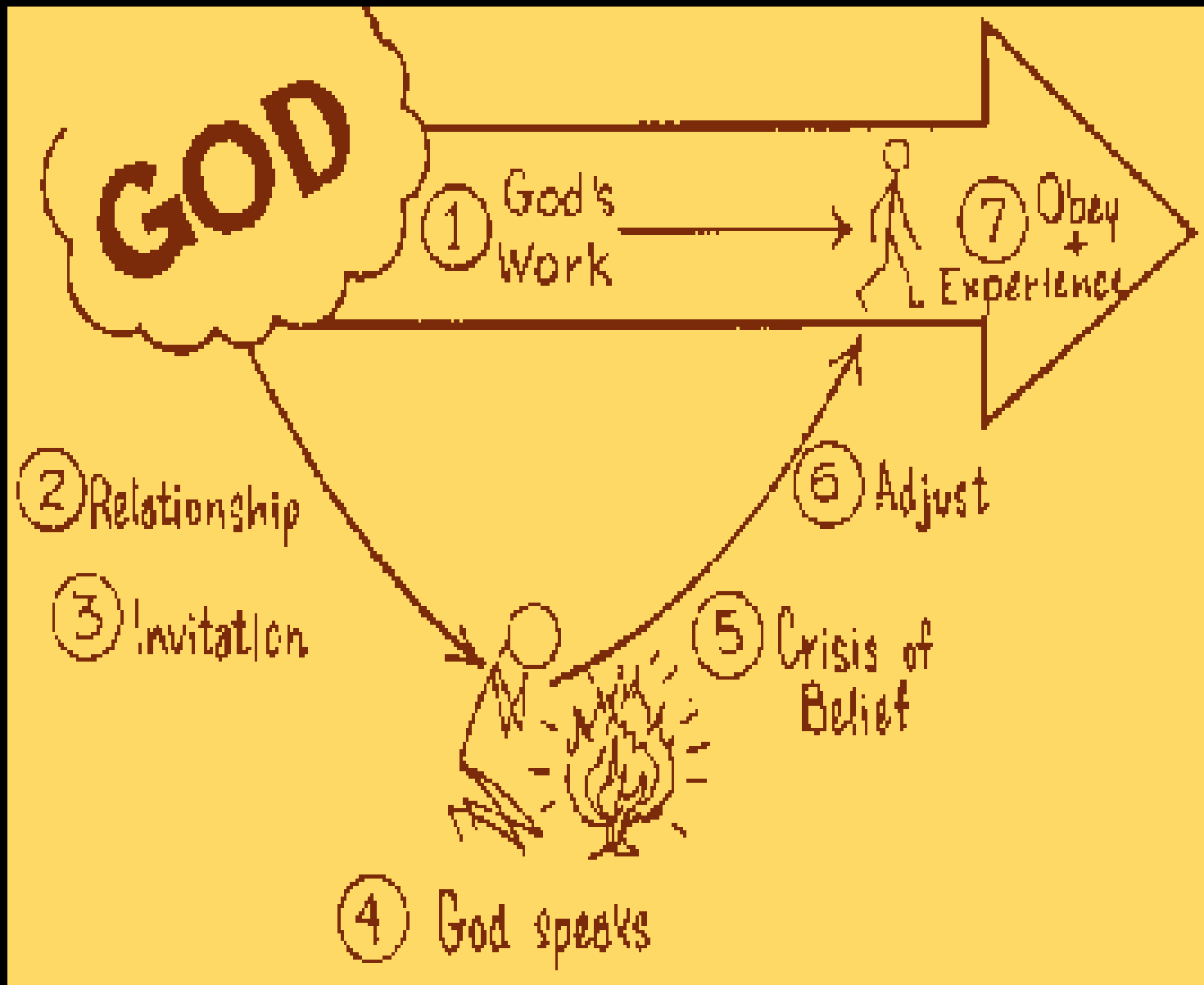
Reality 6:

You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what he is doing.

You cannot stay where you are and go with God at the same time.

“GOD said to Moses in Midian: Go. Return to Egypt. All the men who wanted to kill you are dead. So Moses took his wife and sons and put them on a donkey for the return trip to Egypt.”

(Exodus 4:19-20) (The Message)



Reality 7:

You come to know God by experience as you obey him and he accomplishes His work through you.

What is the connection between my obedience and my experiential knowledge of Him?

“GOD said to Moses: “Why cry out to me? Speak to the Israelites. Order them to get moving. Hold your staff high and stretch your hand out over the sea: Split the sea! The Israelites will walk through the sea on dry ground. “Meanwhile I’ll make sure the Egyptians keep up their stubborn chase—I’ll use Pharaoh and his entire army, ...

his chariots and horsemen, to put my Glory on display so that the Egyptians will realize that I am GOD...Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and GOD, with a terrific east wind all night long, made the sea go back. He made the sea dry ground. The seawaters split. The Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground with the waters a wall to the right and to the left...

GOD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea and the waters will come back over the Egyptians, over their chariots, over their horsemen.” Moses stretched his hand out over the sea: As the day broke and the Egyptians were running, the sea returned to its place as before...But the Israelites walked right through the middle of the sea on dry ground, ...

the waters forming a wall to the right and to the left. GOD delivered Israel that day from the oppression of the Egyptians. And Israel looked at the Egyptian dead, washed up on the shore of the sea, and realized the tremendous power that GOD brought against the Egyptians. The people were in reverent awe before GOD and trusted in GOD and his servant Moses.” (Exodus 14:15-17, 21-23, 26-27, 29-31) (The Message)

