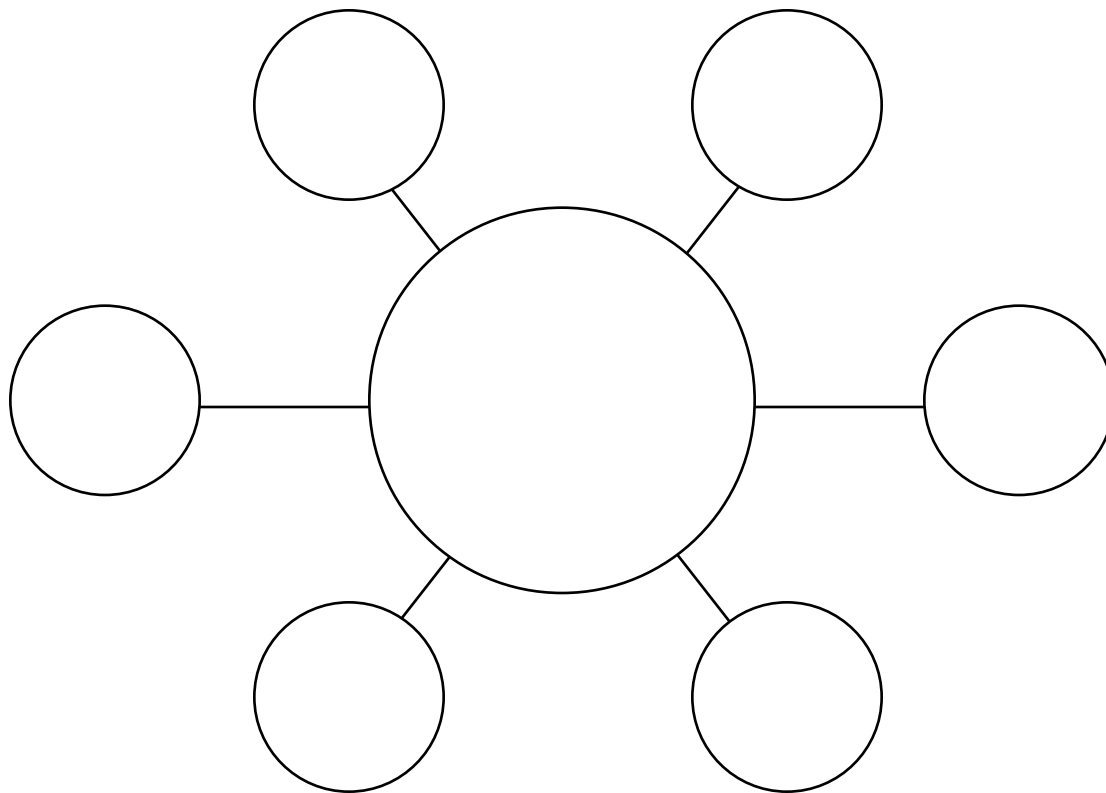


Relationship Qualities

trust	sincerity	love	understanding	honesty
sensitivity	respect	compassion	communication	passion
integrity	commonality	supportiveness	courage	forgiveness
patience	resilience	reliability	sense of humor	compromise

All of the qualities listed above could be qualities of a good relationship. Think of your own relationships. Write the five qualities that you value most in your relationships on the five lines.

My Relationship Diagram



Write your name in the center circle. Write the names of people with whom you feel you have a close relationship in the outer circles, one name per circle. (*Note:* You don't have to fill in all six outer circles.) Then, for each relationship, list on the connecting line the foremost quality or qualities that makes your relationship with that particular person work.

My Trinitarian Faith

For each of the faith statements below, circle your level of belief on the continuum.

I believe in God the Father, Creator, and Sustainer of all things.

Totally-----I Think So-----I Don't Know-----No

I believe that Jesus is human and divine.

Totally-----I Think So-----I Don't Know-----No

I believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

Totally-----I Think So-----I Don't Know-----No

I believe that Jesus died and rose to new life.

Totally-----I Think So-----I Don't Know-----No

I believe Jesus is my Savior and Lord.

Totally-----I Think So-----I Don't Know-----No

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Totally-----I Think So-----I Don't Know-----No

I believe in one God only.

Totally-----I Think So-----I Don't Know-----No

I believe in the Blessed Trinity, three persons in one God.

Totally-----I Think So-----I Don't Know-----No

The Creator and Creation

[God] showed me a little thing, the size of a hazelnut,
 and it was round as a ball. I thought, 'What may this be?'
 And it was answered thus: 'It is all that is made . . .'
 In this little thing I saw three properties.
 The first is that God made it,
 the second is that God loves it,
 the third [is?] that God keepeth it.



Julian of Norwich
 fourteenth-century mystic

- What does Julian's simple observation tell us about creation?

- What does it tell us about God?



What a piece of work is a man,
 how noble in reason,
 how infinite in faculties,
 in form and moving
 how express and admirable,
 in action how like an angel,
 in apprehension how like a god!
 the beauty of the world, the paragon of animals.

William Shakespeare
Hamlet, Act II, Scene ii

- What does this passage tell us about humankind?

- What does it tell us about God?

To Obey or Not to Obey? That Is the Question

One act of obedience is better than one hundred sermons.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran theologian and pastor

Wicked men obey from fear; good men, from love.

Aristotle, philosopher

The more I think, the more certain I am that obedience is the gateway through which knowledge, yes, and love, too, enter the mind of the child.

Anne Sullivan, teacher of Helen Keller

1 Samuel 15:22

Hebrews 5:8-9

Philippians 2:6-8

John 6:38

John 8:29

Hebrews 10:7

What I dislike about the notion of obedience is . . .

What I appreciate about the notion of obedience is . . .

Chapter 4 Word Search

P	O	L	L	V	E	P	Z	M	D	I	Z	K	X	Y
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Locate and circle each term from below in the word search above. (*Note:* that if a term has more than one word, each word will be found separately.)

- DIVINE PROVIDENCE
- MONOTHEISM
- TONGUES
- ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
- OMNIPOTENT
- BLESSED TRINITY
- ETERNAL
- POLYTHEISM
- INFINITE
- RUAH