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*RELEASING THE POWER OF GOD
IN YOUR LIFE & MINISTRY*



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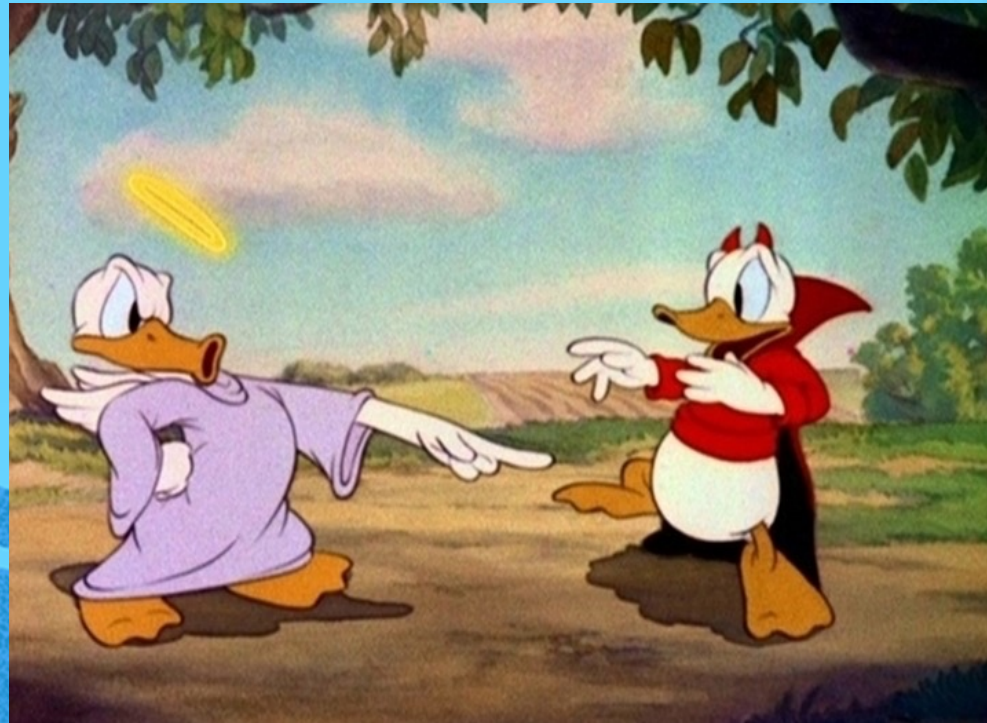
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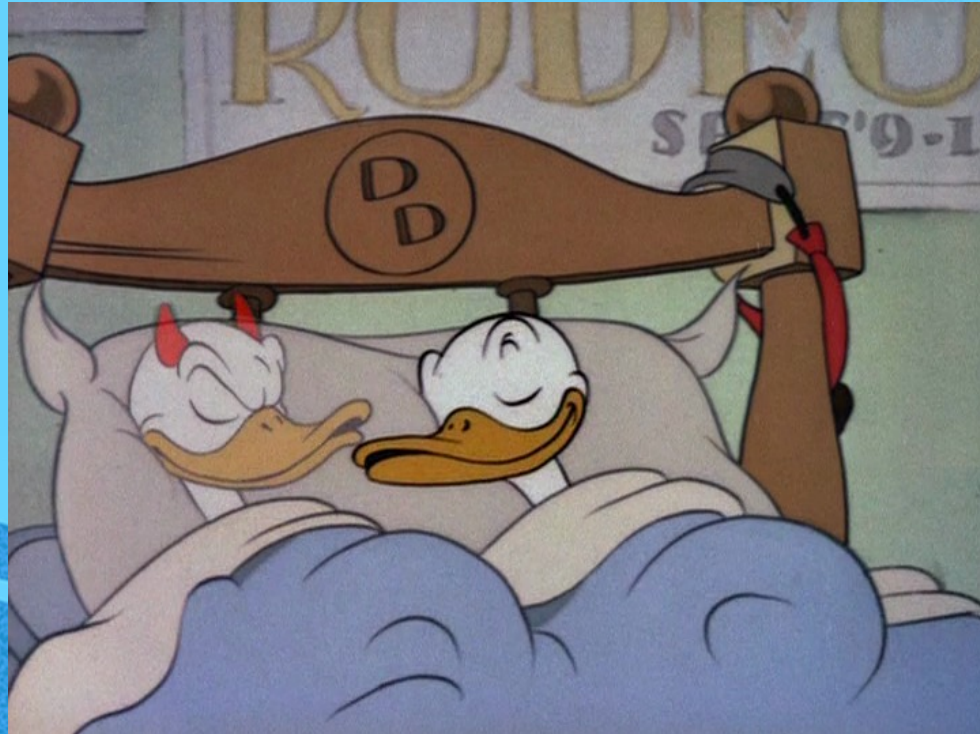
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Vitaliy Andriiets
Ukraine

Please pray hard for my trip to America from May 5th to June 5th. I have many fears and worries, and it feels like the devil is attacking my head and thoughts every day. When I start to worry, my head seems to be paralyzed.

I know this trip is from God, but I haven't had peace about it for several weeks. Sometimes it gets awful. Pray that God will give me peace and pure thoughts filled with Christ.

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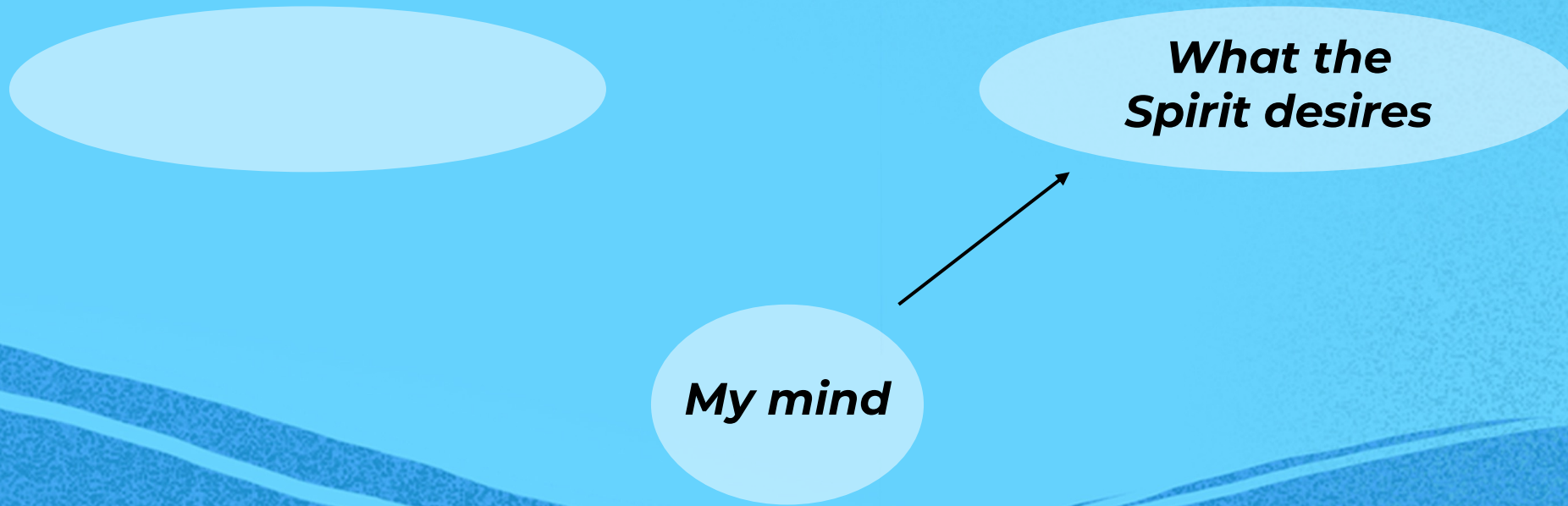
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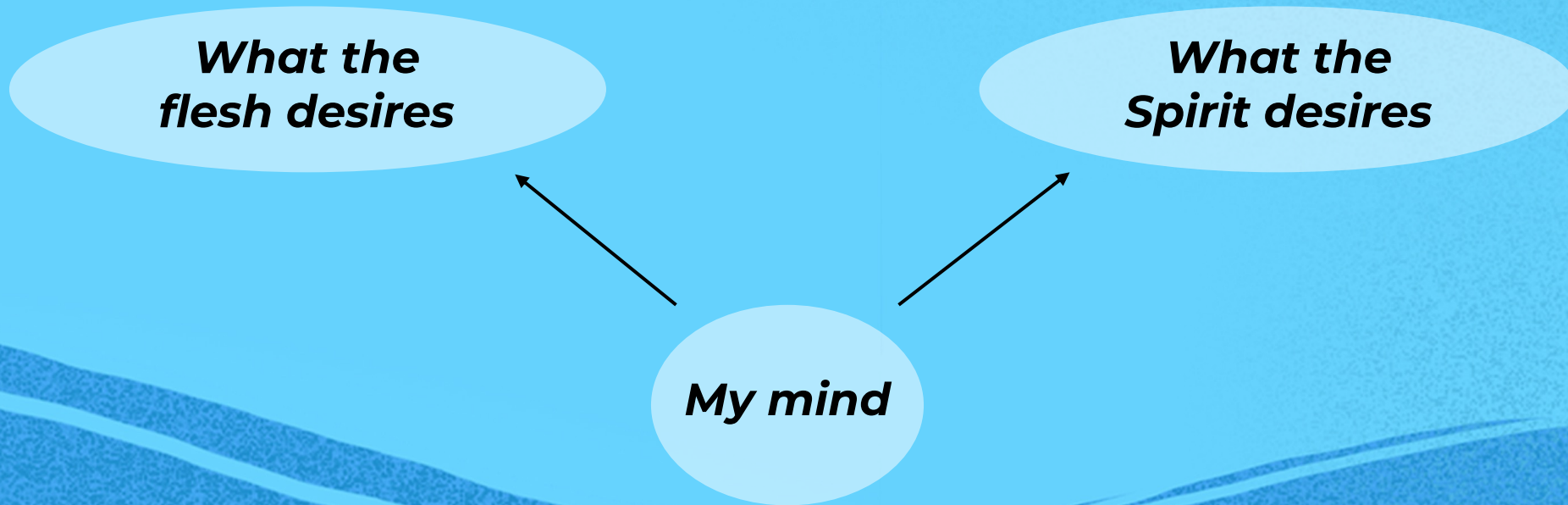
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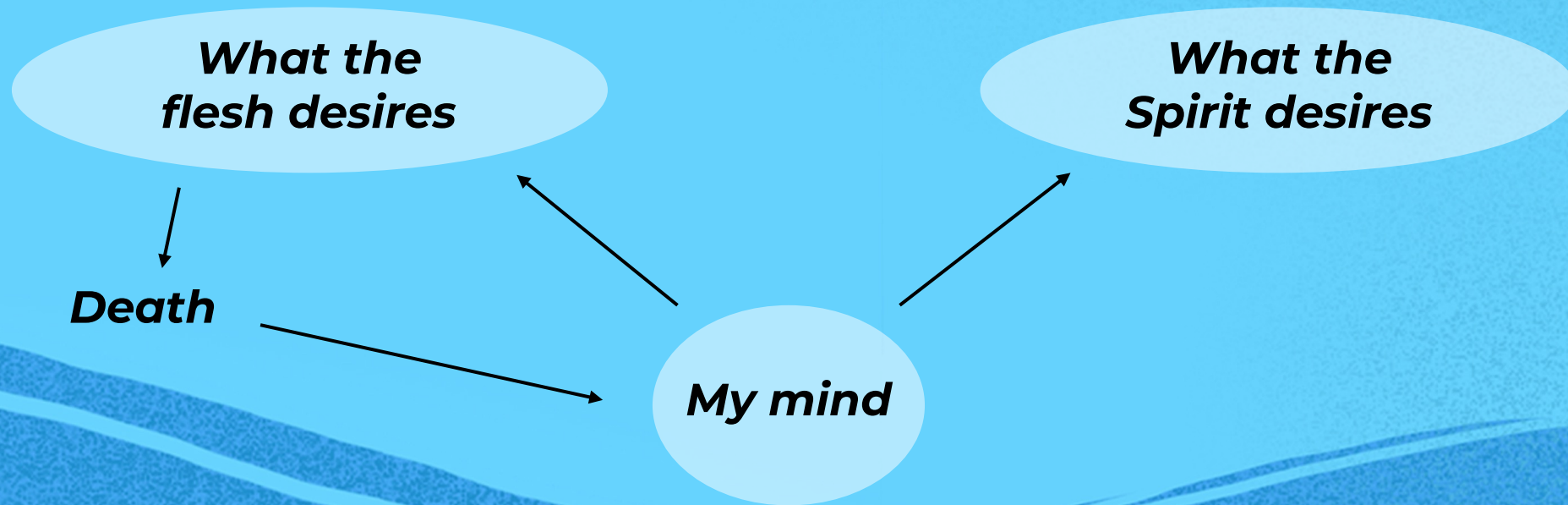
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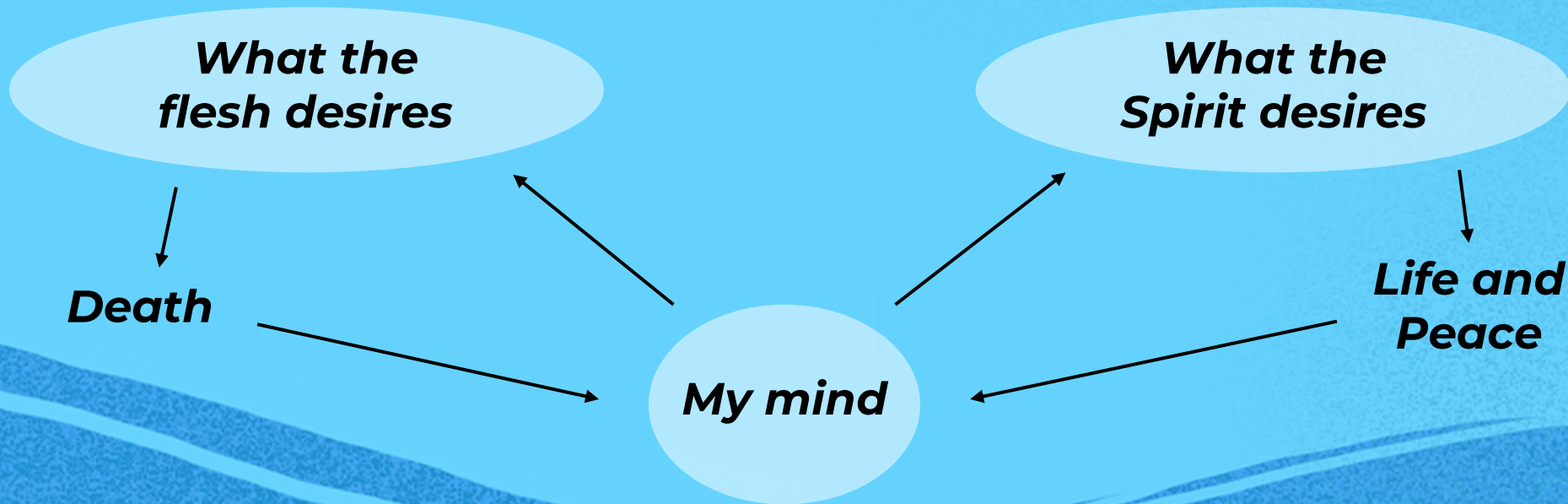
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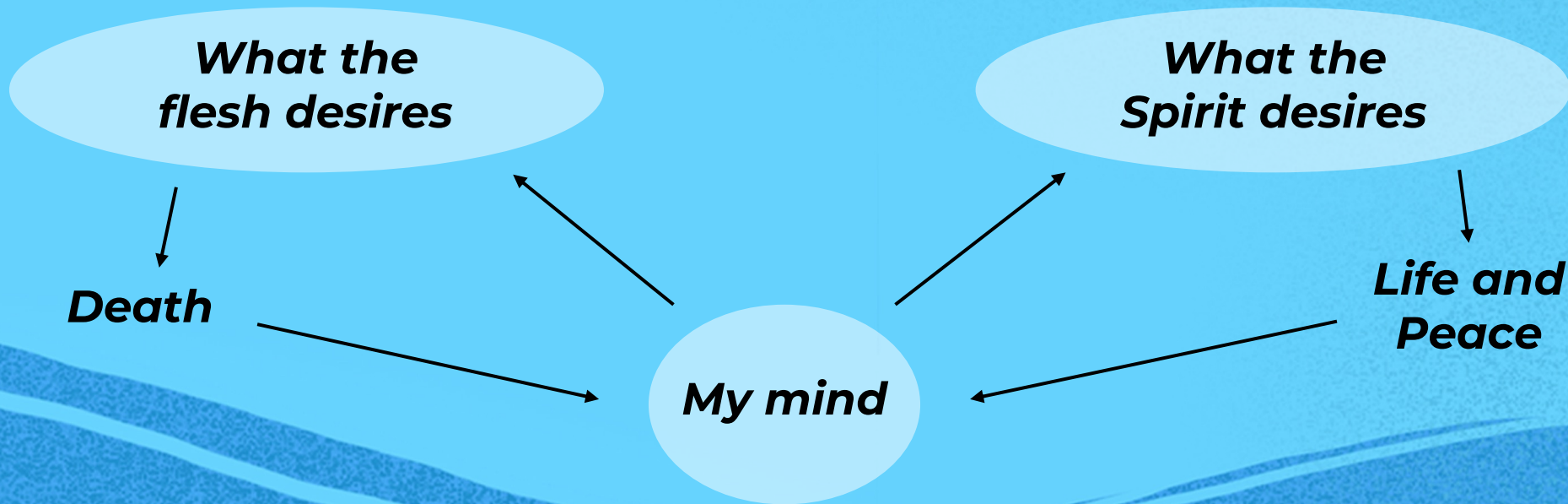
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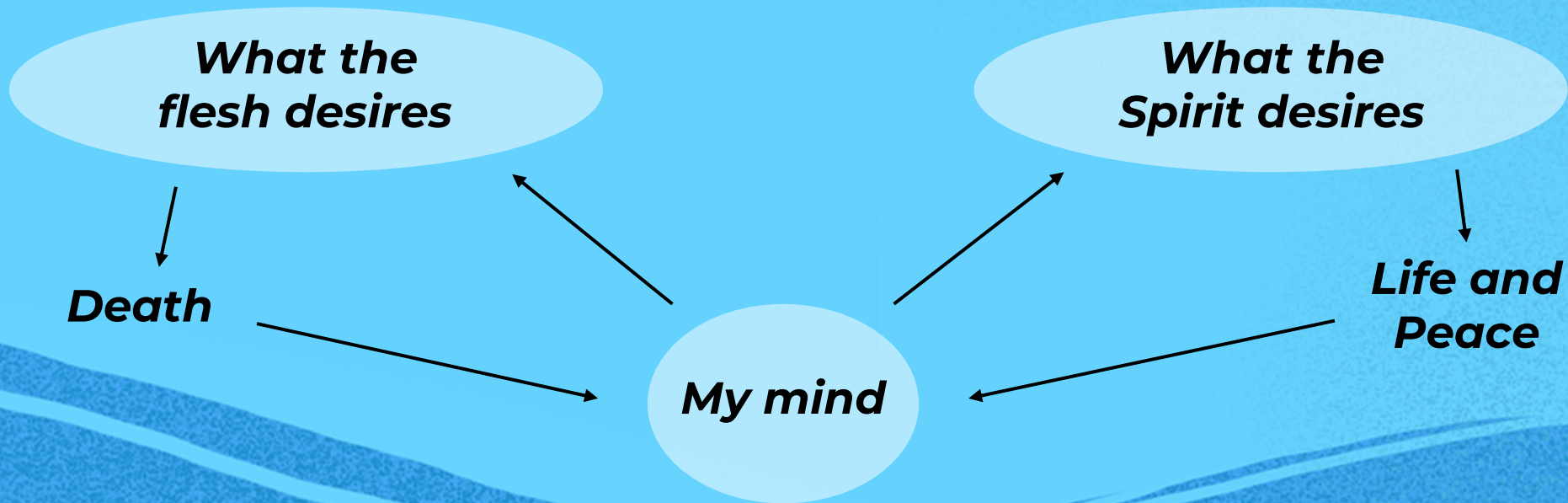
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Personal Response

- Take a moment and listen to Sarx. What are some of the phrases that you hear often in your head from your sinful nature?
- How does it impact you when you listen to his voice?
- Have you ever tried to reason with Sarx? What is the outcome?
- Now look at the things that Sarx said and turn your head. Ask God to speak to you through his Spirit in response to these statements. Write down what he says.
- What is the nature of the Spirit's voice? How does it impact you when you set your mind on what he is saying?