



What is the
foundation of
your life?

SPIRIT LED

- Jesus BAPTISED
- Spirit Descends and announces:
- You are beloved, a precious child of God, beautiful to behold
- Then leads into place of self-reflection, self-examination, testing by evil spirit
- Temptation not sin, neither is thinking about it, it is when I choose to act on plan to sin

DEEPEST IDENTITY QUESTIONED?

- WHAT Defines our Motivation?
 - Need to be good
 - Need to be accepted
 - Need to be successful
 - Need to be unique or different
 - Need to be competent
 - Need for security
 - Need for pleasure
 - Need to be independent/ self sufficient
 - Need to be at peace in harmony

JESUS' TEMPTATION

- BREAD- to be needed
- POWER- to be in control
- SAFETY- to be secure

- There are obviously layers and layers of temptation
- We face temptation continually- especially under pressure

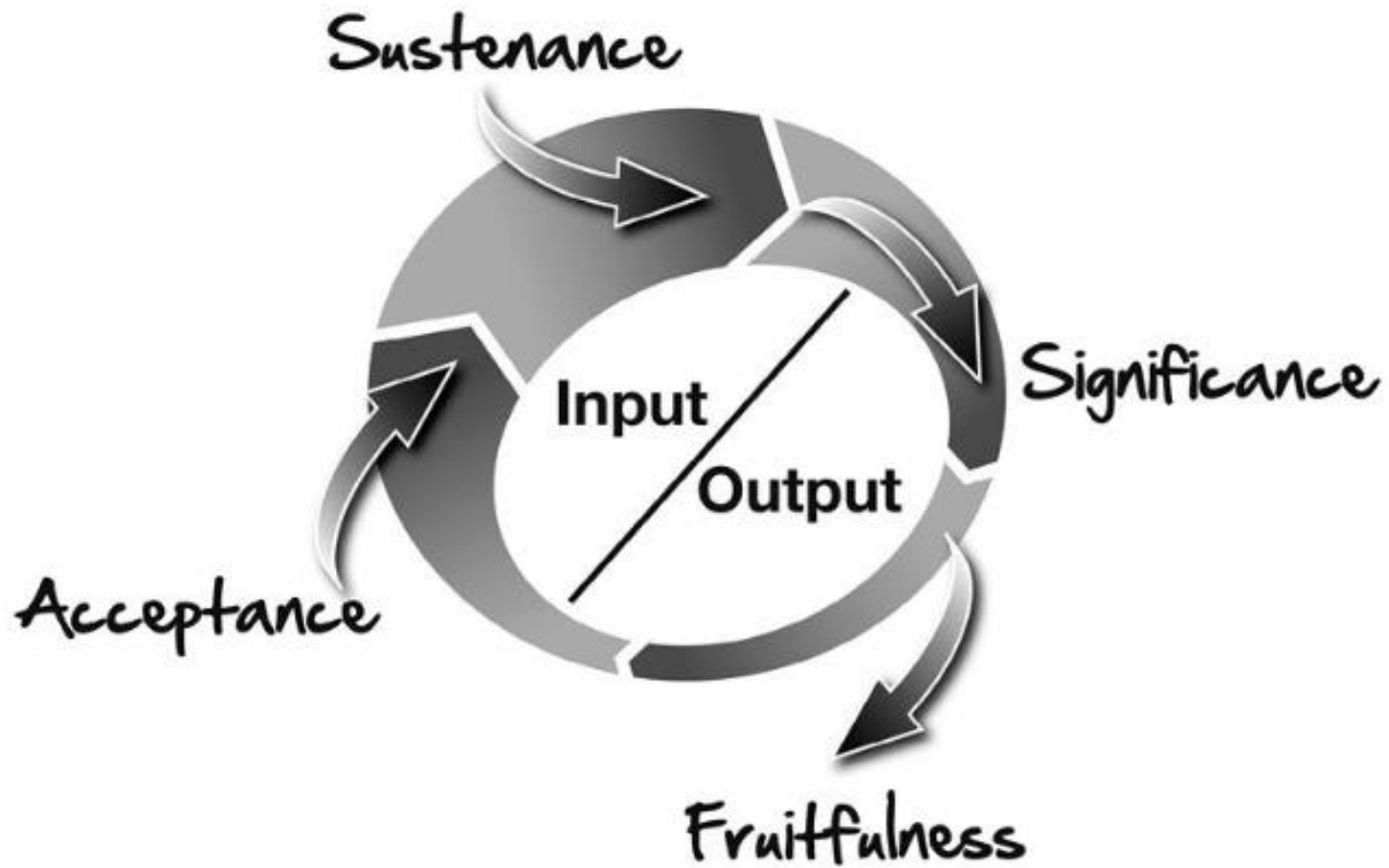
Gethsemane?

V13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Cycle of Works



Cycle of Grace



CAN WE RESIST TEMPTATION

- We need to be secure in our identity
 - Who we are
 - Whose we are
- **You are beloved, a precious child of God, beautiful to behold**
- Romans 8:16 *The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.*
- *This can speak to our deepest fear- my need to be loved*

OPENING OURSELVES TO DAILY BAPTISM

- Ask God for grace of hearing the words spoken over you
 - You are beloved, a precious child of God, beautiful to behold
- Take notice of which need creates greatest fear
- Practices of faith
 - Root yourself in scripture PS 91
 - Prayer- develop your relationship
 - Solitude & Silence teaches me to depend only on God
 - Fasting- God supplies what I need most