



# SPIRIT SPEAKING

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EXTEMPORANEOUS PREACHING  
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# THE PLAN

## Tuesday Morning

- Naming Our Own Knowing about Extemporaneous Preaching
- Why Let Spirit Speak?
- Practice in Storytelling

## Tuesday Afternoon

- Primer for Public Speakers
- Practice in Beginning, Endings & Vibrancy

## Wednesday Morning

- Repeating Yourself as a Spiritual Discipline
- Practice in Extemp Preaching “Ministry: Mine, Yours & Ours”

## Wednesday Afternoon

- Practice in Extemp Preaching continued



# ARE YOU EXPERIENCED?



Revs. Samuel Rodriguez,  
Priscilla Shirer & John Wesley

# WHY LET SPIRIT SPEAK?

## Technically Speaking

- Writing is More Formal than Speaking
- Reading Out Loud is an Art Form v. a Communication Technique
- Pitfalls Abound
- This is the Day Given to Us v. the Day We Imagined



# WHY LET SPIRIT SPEAK?

When Preparation is Perpetual...  
You Can Have Your Saturdays  
& Preach Them Too!





# WHY LET SPIRIT SPEAK?

## What Sunday Morning is For....

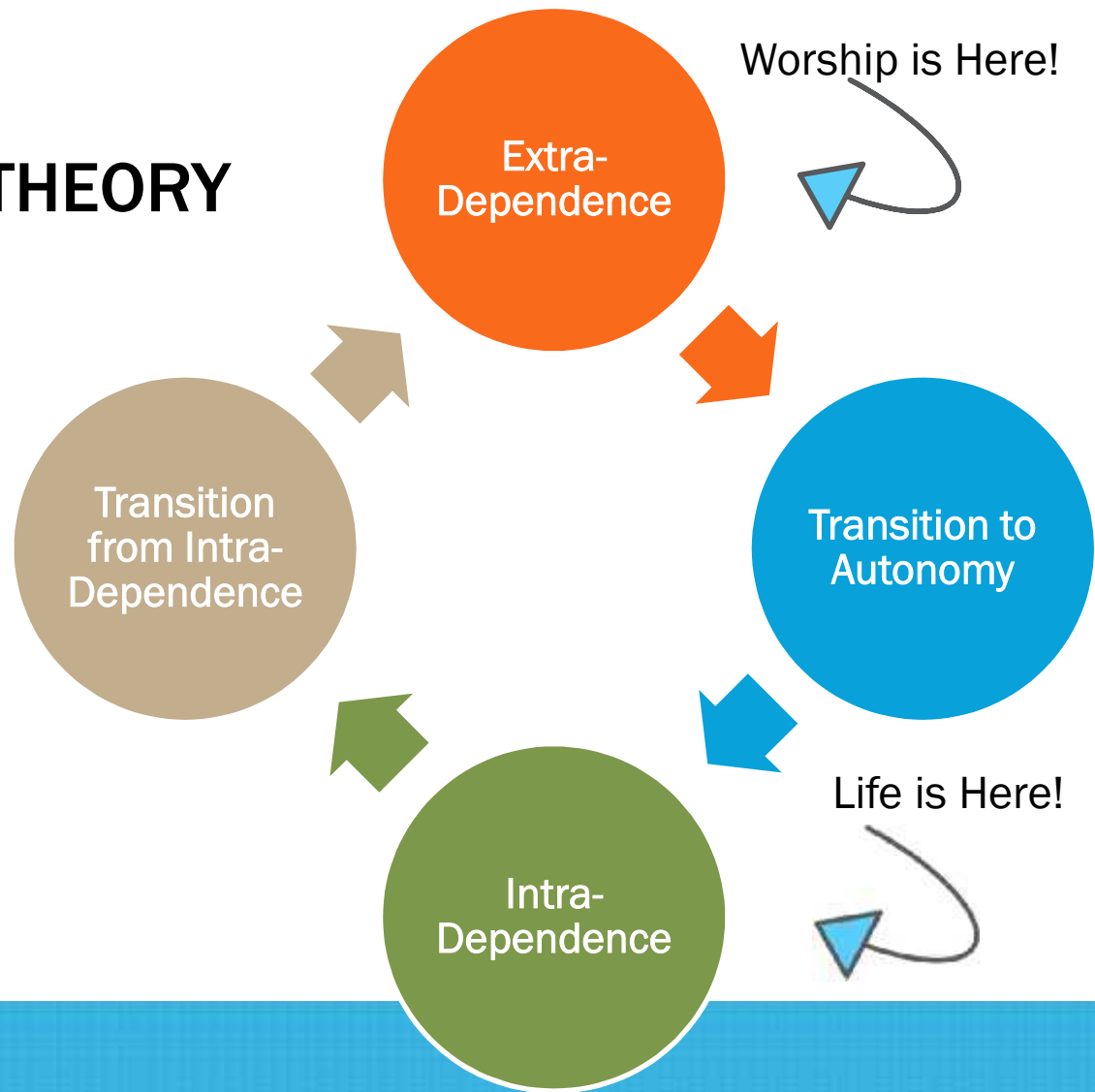
Even if “they” keep saying it’s “Mental Stimulation”

## ...Balancing Intra & Extra Dependence



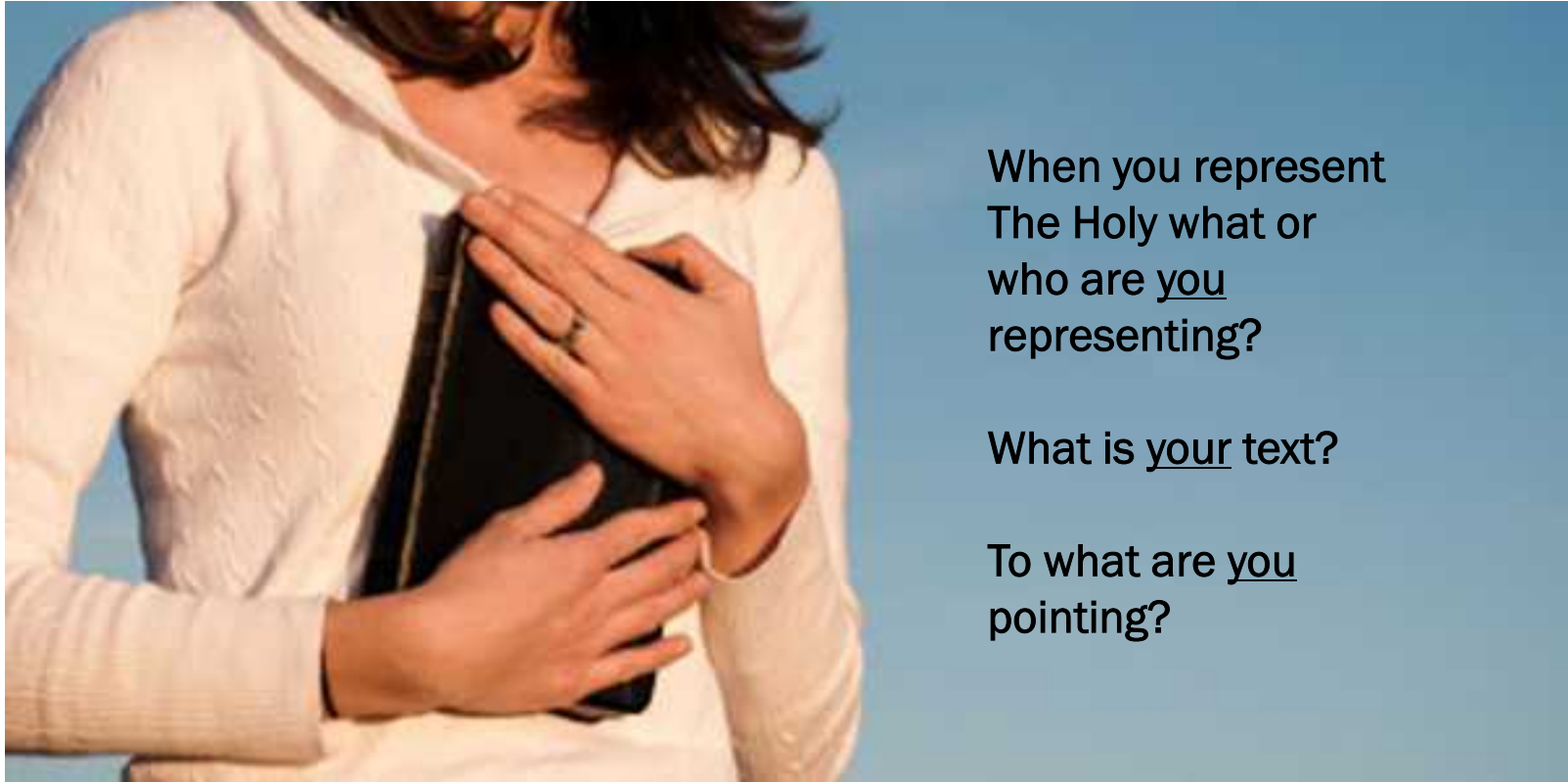
# THE OSCILLATION THEORY

- Start anywhere
- Always Dependent
- Internal Dialogue
- Lay Your Burden Down
- Representing the Holy
- Authentic Experience
- Reverse Call-to-the-Rail



*“Thus experience was tested against the values and the values against the experience in such a way that transformation could occur and the society could develop and change.”* Rev. Bruce Reed

# WHY LET SPIRIT SPEAK?



What is Your Gospel?



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Revelation is Open &  
Continuous

# “workshop/worthshop” The Most Important Thing

