



***Message of “R”  
for  
River***



*When renovating a house,  
the skilled and gifted workers  
can create a magnificent restoration.*

*We are God's workers, gifted and called to  
partner with Him to renovate and restore  
His House, His love, and His church...*







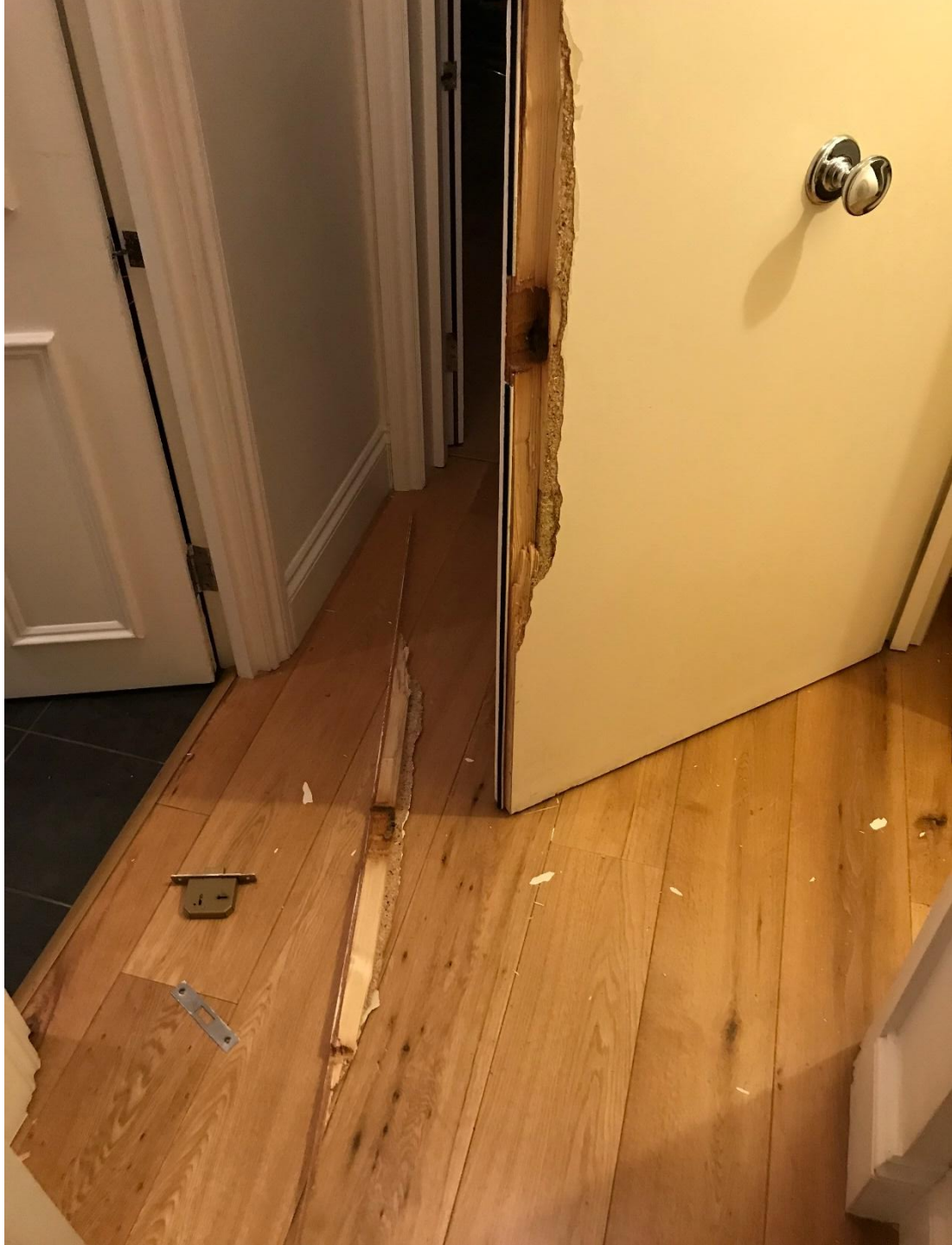


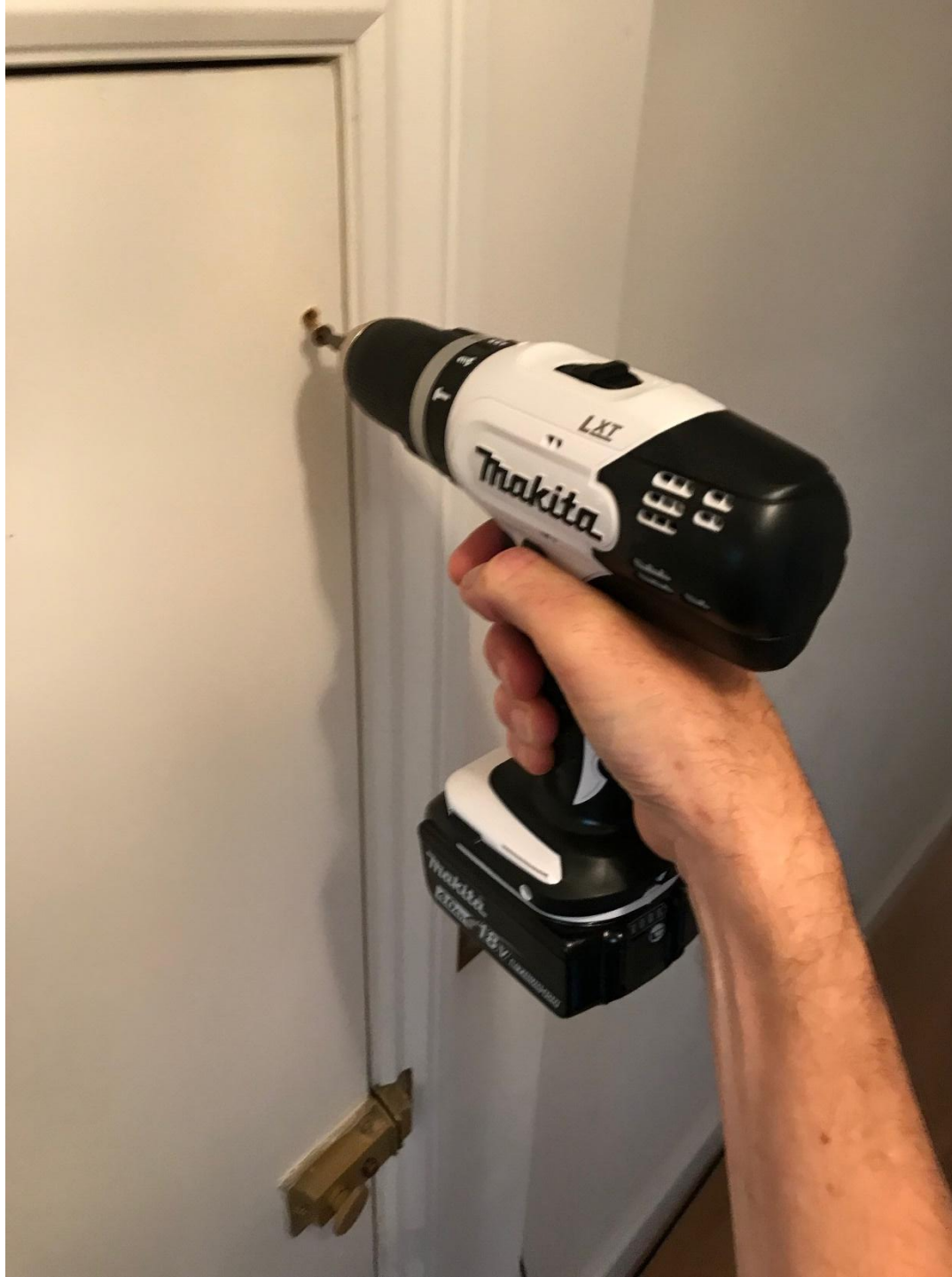


A dark, atmospheric image featuring a hooded figure with a black balaclava mask. The figure's eyes are visible through the mask, looking intensely forward. A hand is extended towards the viewer, with fingers slightly curled. The word "THIEF" is written across the hand in a large, white, serif font with a metallic, weathered texture. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a night scene or a shadowy environment.

THIEF













TO **HEAR &** FOLLOW **DESIRE** EARNEST and an **WORDS** of **COUNSEL**

# PERSONAL REVELATION

A heart FILLED with **GRATITUDE** will **PREPARE** the way for **BLESSINGS** **LIFE** OF

# *Relationships with ...*



## Rahab

### Matthew 1:5-6 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> Salmon begot Boaz by **Rahab**, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, <sup>6</sup> and Jesse begot David the king.

### Hebrews 11:30-31 (NKJV)

<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith the harlot **Rahab** did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.

### James 2:24-26 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

<sup>25</sup> Likewise, was not **Rahab** the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent *them* out another way?

<sup>26</sup> For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.



## Joshua 2 New Living Translation (NLT)

### Rahab Protects the Spies

**2** Then Joshua secretly sent out two spies from the Israelite camp at Acacia Grove. He instructed them, “Scout out the land on the other side of the Jordan River, especially around Jericho.” So the two men set out and came to the house of a prostitute named **Rahab** and stayed there that night.

**2** But someone told the king of Jericho, “Some Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.” **3** So the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab: “Bring out the men who have come into your house, for they have come here to spy out the whole land.”

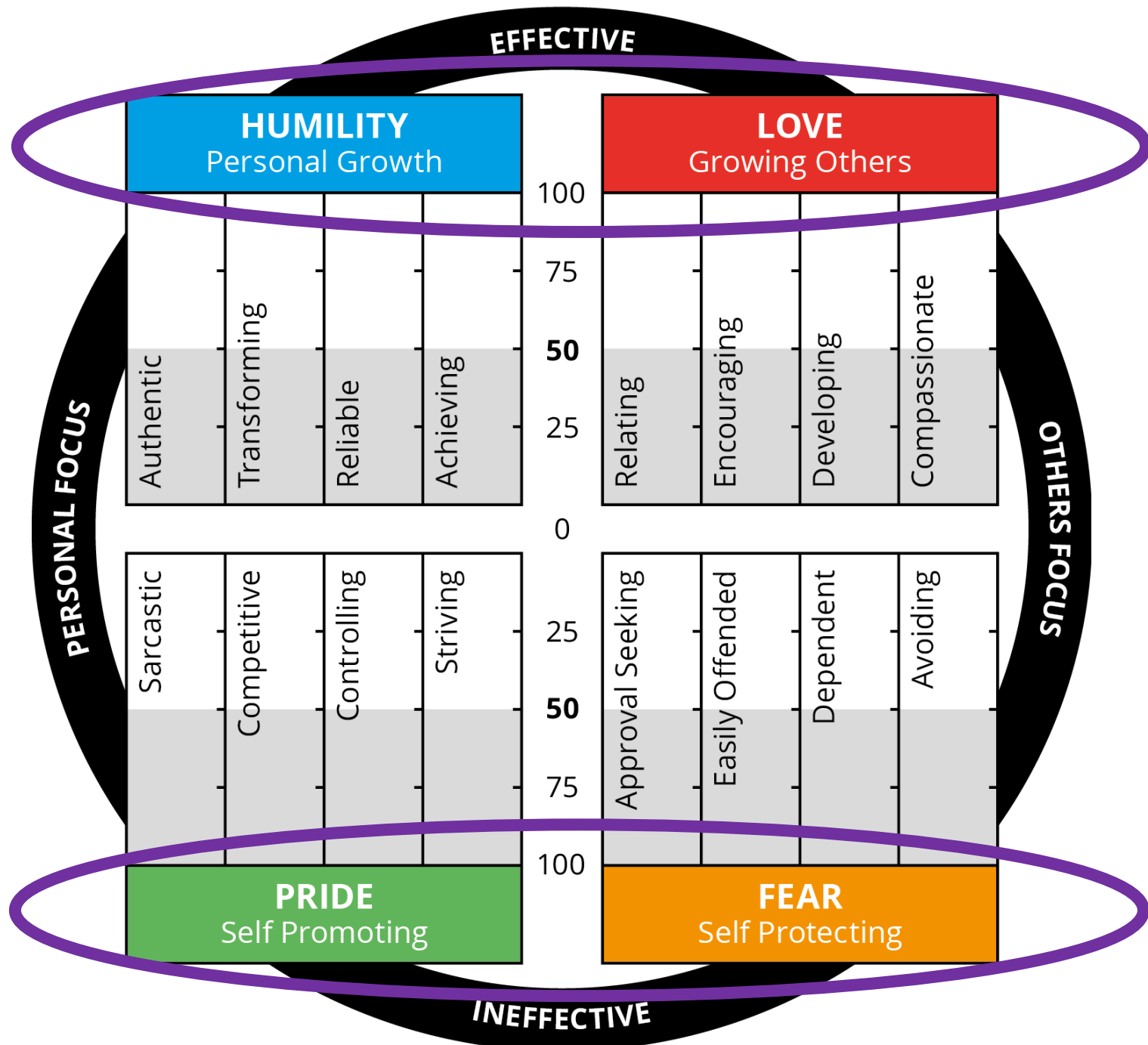
**4** **Rahab** had hidden the two men, but she replied, “Yes, the men were here earlier, but **I didn’t know where they were from.** **5** **They left the town at dusk,** as the gates were about to close. **I don’t know where they went.** If you hurry, you can probably catch up with them.” **6** (Actually, she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them beneath bundles of flax she had laid out.) **7** So the king’s men went looking for the spies along the road leading to the shallow crossings of the Jordan River. And as soon as the king’s men had left, the gate of Jericho was shut.

<sup>8</sup> Before the spies went to sleep that night, Rahab went up on the roof to talk with them. <sup>9</sup> “I know the LORD has given you this land,” she told them. “We are all afraid of you. Everyone in the land is living in terror.<sup>10</sup> For we have heard how the LORD made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt. And we know what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River, whose people you completely destroyed. <sup>11</sup> No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the LORD your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below.

<sup>12</sup> “Now swear to me by the LORD that you will be kind to me and my family since I have helped you. Give me some guarantee that <sup>13</sup> when Jericho is conquered, you will let me live, along with my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all their families.” ....

# *Congregations in the one RIVER*





**HUMILITY**  
Personal Growth

**LOVE**  
Growing Others

**PRIDE**  
Self Promoting

**FEAR**  
Self Protecting

Authentic

Transforming

Reliable

Achieving

Sarcastic

Competitive

Controlling

Striving

Relating

Encouraging

Developing

Compassionate

Approval Seeking

Easily Offended

Dependent

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