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Ecclesiastes 1:1

1 The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem...



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Ecclesiastes 2:1a

1 I said to myself, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good.”



Ecclesiastes 2:3b

I wanted to see what was good for people to do under the heavens during the few days of their lives.



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Ecclesiastes 2:2-9

2 “Laughter,” I said, “is madness. And what does pleasure accomplish?” 3 I tried cheering myself with wine, and embracing folly—my mind still guiding me with wisdom. I wanted to see what was good for people to do under the heavens during the few days of their lives. 4 I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards. 5 I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them.



Ecclesiastes 2:2-9

6 I made reservoirs to water groves of flourishing trees.

7 I bought male and female slaves and had other slaves

who were born in my house. I also owned more herds

and flocks than anyone in Jerusalem before me. 8 I

amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of

kings and provinces. I acquired male and female singers,

and a harem as well—the delights of a man's heart. 9 I

became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before

me. In all this my wisdom stayed with me.



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Ecclesiastes 2:10-11

10 I denied myself nothing my eyes desired;
I refused my heart no pleasure.

My heart took delight in all my labor,
and this was the reward for all my toil.

11 Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done
and what I had toiled to achieve,
everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind;
nothing was gained under the sun.



Ecclesiastes 1:2

2 “Meaningless! Meaningless!”
says the Teacher.
“Utterly meaningless!
Everything is meaningless.”



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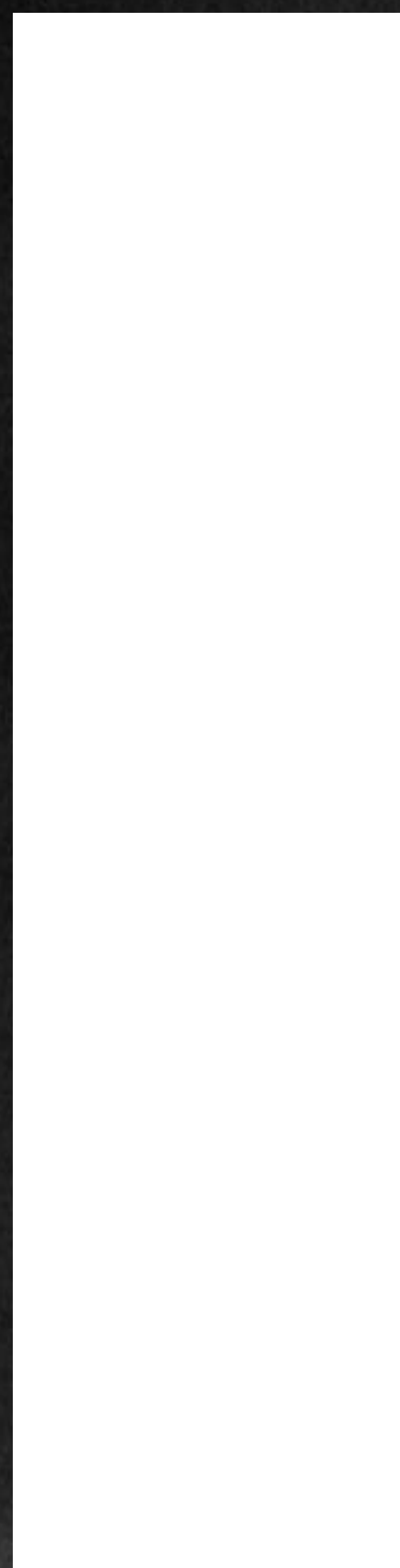
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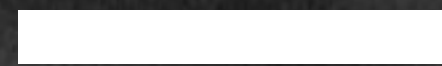


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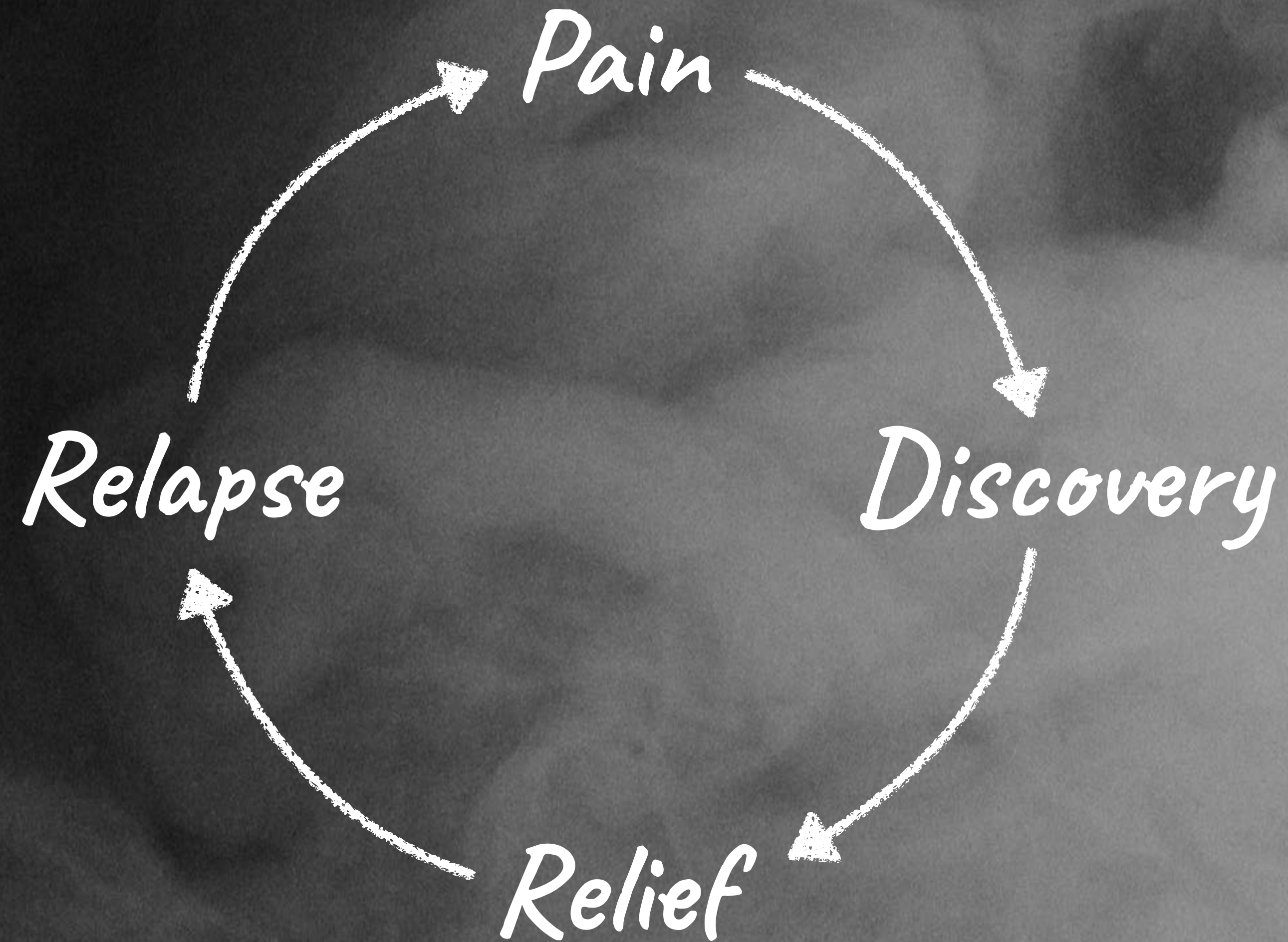
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Jeremiah 7:30-31

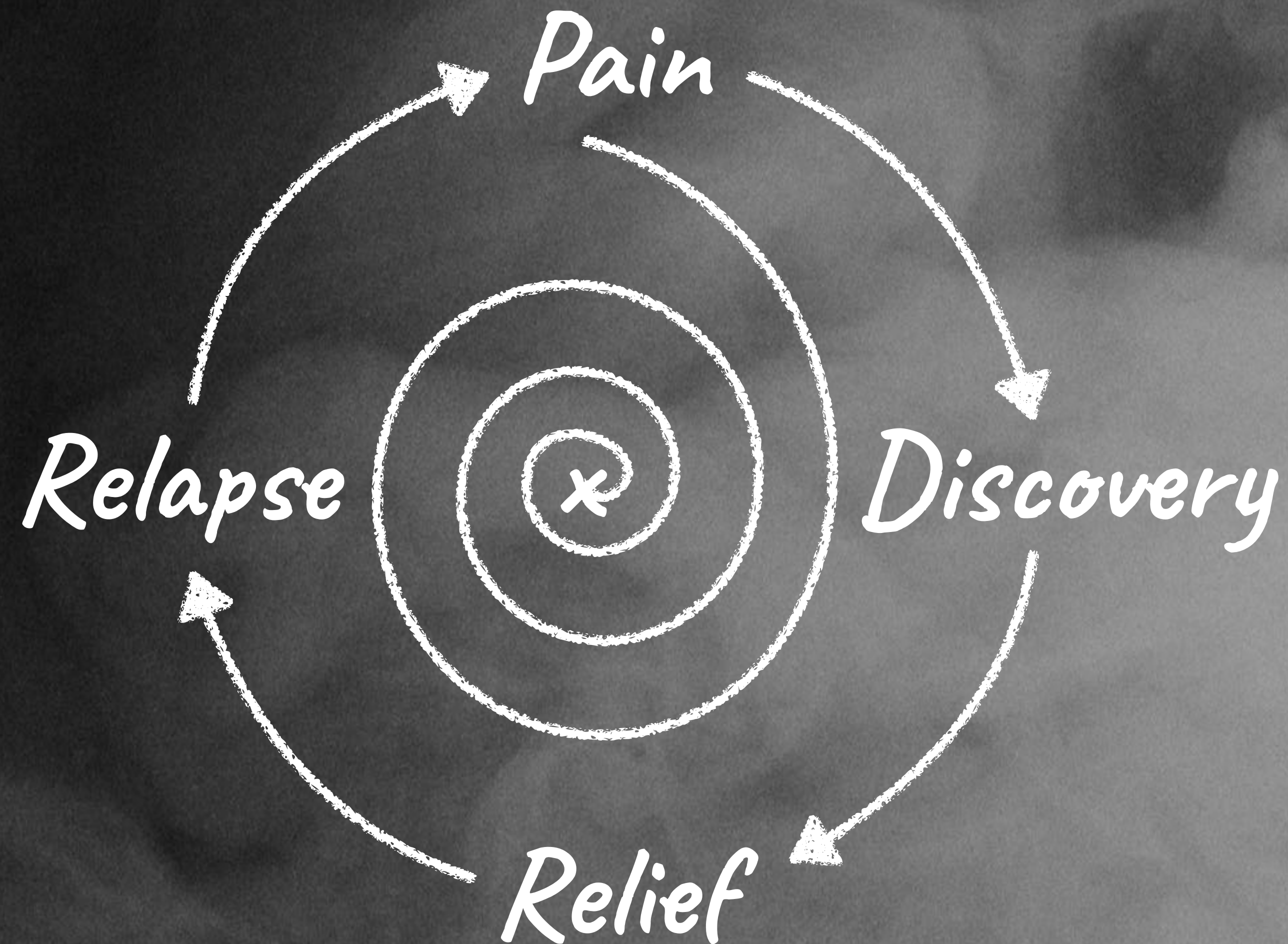
30 “ ‘The people of Judah have done evil in my eyes,
declares the Lord. They have set up their detestable
idols in the house that bears my Name and have defiled
it. 31 They have built the high places of Topheth in the
Valley of Ben Hinnom to burn their sons and daughters
in the fire—something I did not command, nor did it
enter my mind.

CYCLE OF ADDICTION



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Path





Matthew 7:13-14

13 “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.



Revelation 21:6

6 He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.



C.S. Lewis (*The Weight of Glory*)

“We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”



Romans 11:33-36

33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! 34 “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?” 35 “Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?” 36 For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.



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