

Integrity

Sincerity

Reliability

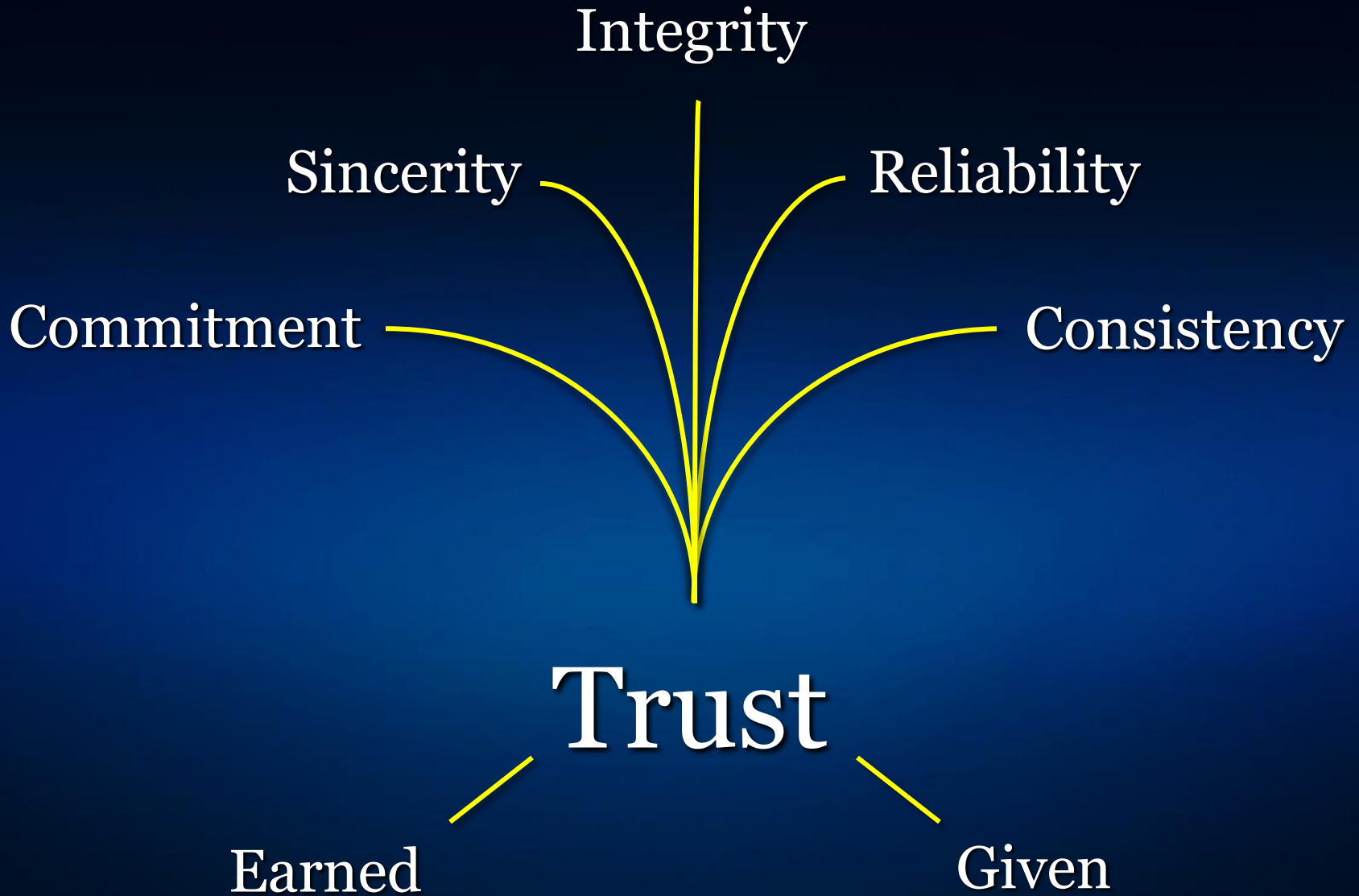
Commitment

Consistency

Trust

Earned

Given



Trust is Difficult

Errant Trust Offers False Security

Insufficient Trust Creates Doubt or Dejection

Matthew 14:28-33

“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹ “Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him.

“You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Trust is Scary

Forces hard choices and demands sacrifices

Exposes weaknesses and levels of commitment

Matthew 27:42-43

“He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

Trust is Essential

Provides hope, gives purpose leading to contentment

Enables distribution of what has been entrusted

1 Corinthians 4:1-3

This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. ² Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. ³ I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself.

Hebrews 13:5-6

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

⁶ So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”

If we don't trust we won't obey.

If we don't obey we don't really love God

When we don't obey we minimally love ourselves.

We satisfy the flesh at the cost of our soul

Trust God's Love

Trust Christ's Sacrifice

Trust the Spirit's Work

Resulting in:

Endurance for Challenges

Defined Purpose for Life