

What's the

BIG

Idea?

Importance of the "Big Idea"

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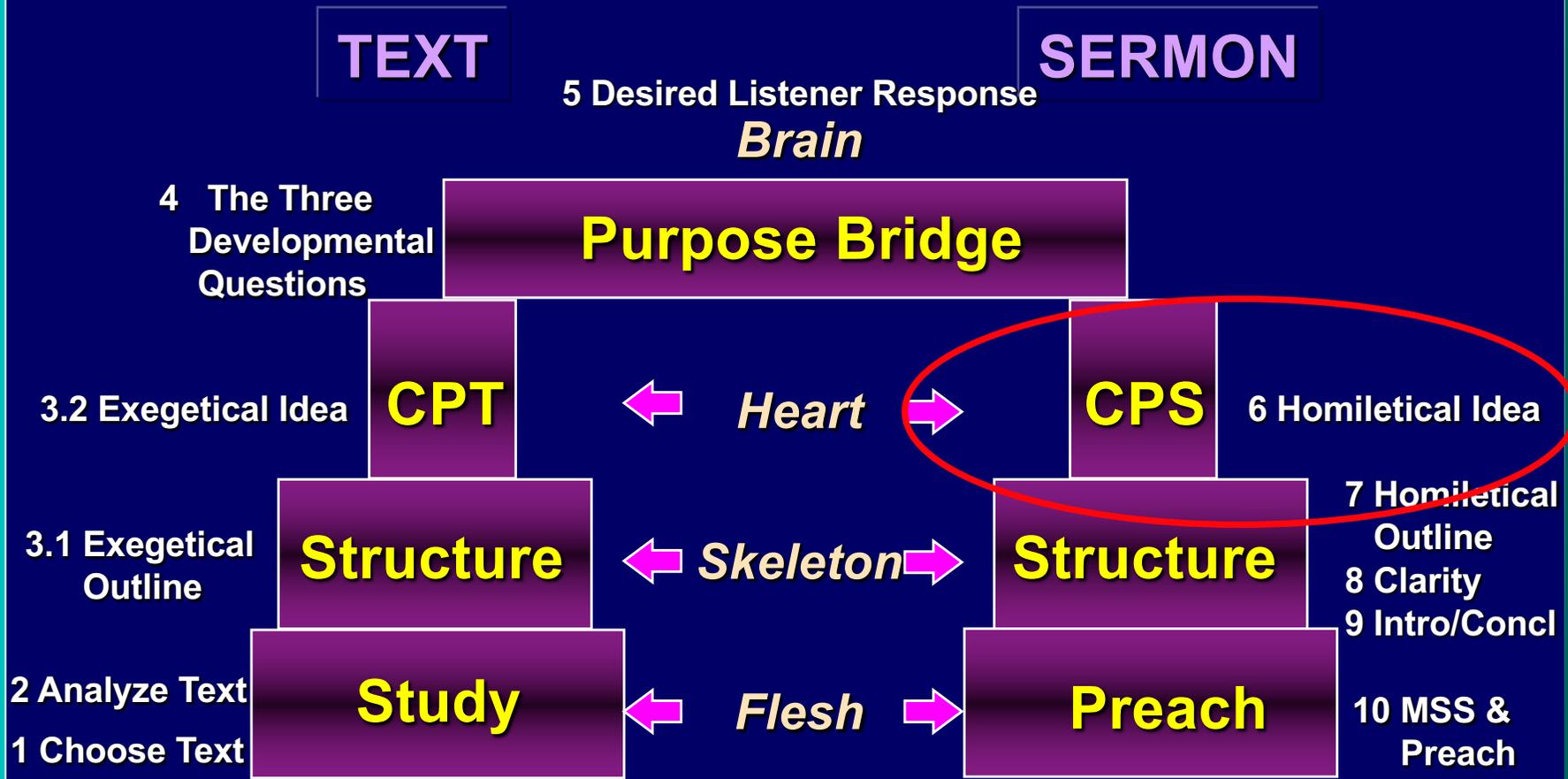
"A major affirmation of our definition of expository preaching, therefore, maintains that 'expository preaching is the communication of a biblical concept.' That affirms the obvious. A sermon should be a bullet and not buckshot. Ideally each sermon is the explanation, interpretation, or application of a single dominant idea supported by other ideas, all drawn from one passage or several passages of Scripture"

(Haddon Robinson, *Biblical Preaching*, 33)



The *Preparing Expository Sermons* Process

Based on Ramesh Richard's text, *Preparing Expository Sermons*



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Homiletical Idea Proposition
Synthetic Statement
Biblical Concept
Central Idea

Other names for Big Idea

Central Proposition of the Sermon (CPS)

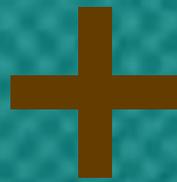
Main Idea
Dominant Idea
Main Thought

Central Thought
Sermon Idea
Thesis Statement

Subject-Complement Statement

Forming the Big Idea (CPS)

**Subject
(Theme)**



**Complement
(Thrust)**

The Question

Why should we
praise God?

What is the test of a
person's character?

The Answer

What's the Difference?

Topic

Single word

Not a question

"Love"

Subject (Theme)

More than 1 word

Can be worded as a question

"The **way** to love"

"**How** should we love?"

"**Reasons** to love"

"**Why** should we love?"

Some Practice...

	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>M.I.</u>
1. God has put us together as a family so that we can help one another	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. What is a peacemaker? Who is a peacemaker?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Some Practice...

	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>M.I.</u>
3. No substitute for leadership.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. What is God's prescription for anxiety?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Some Practice...

	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>M.I.</u>
5. One of the essential qualities of a servant of God is dependence on God.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Consecrated Christians, courageous commitment, and continuing convictions are the three foundational pillars of a mission-minded church.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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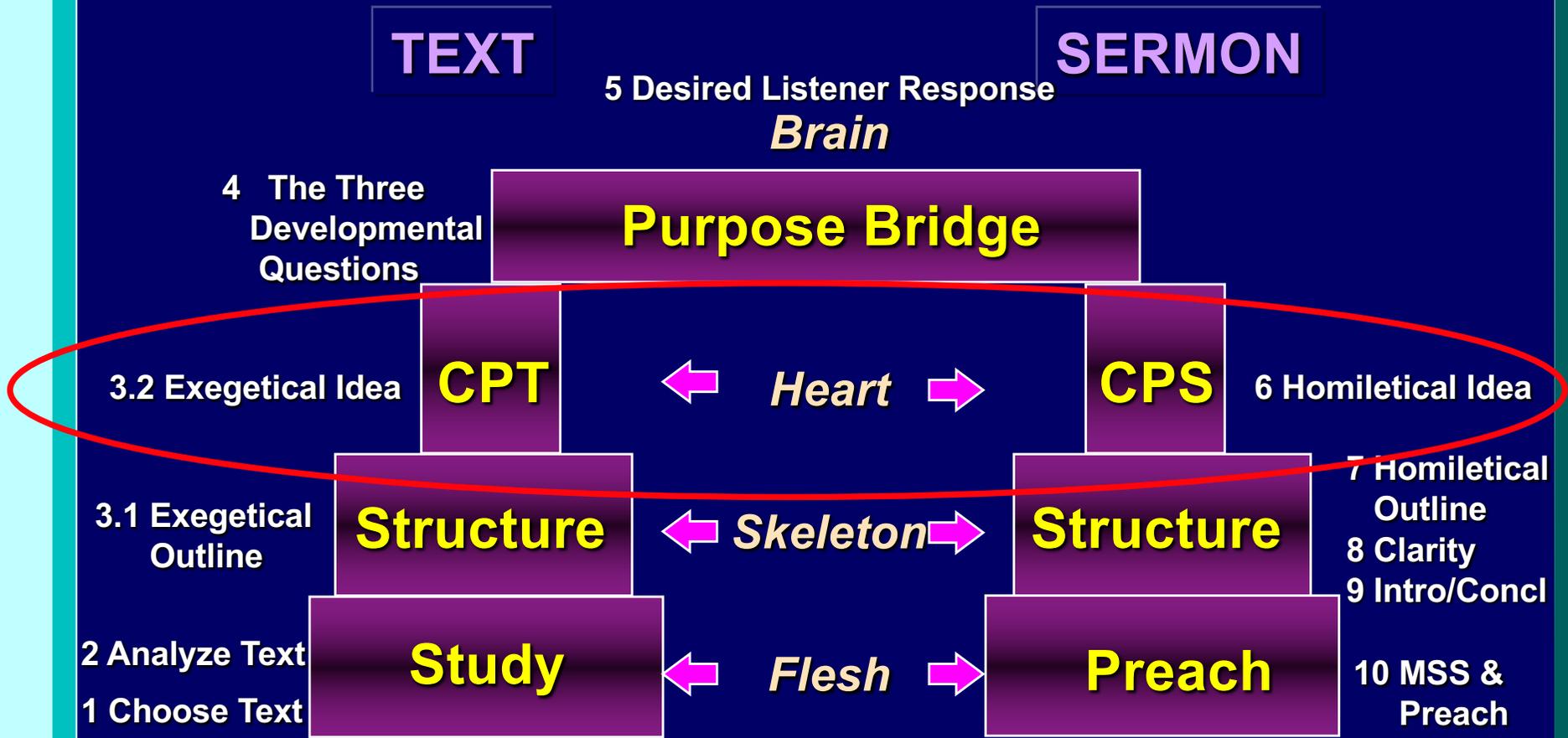
	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>M.I.</u>
7. How and why your work matters to God.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. To be a faithful servant of God till the end is the third quality of a faithful servant of God.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Some Practice...

	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>M.I.</u>
9. As a Christian, we must set our mind on Jesus.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10. Why will many who are first be last and many who are last will be first?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Exegetical Idea: The **reason** the church should restore a sinning Christian correctly is because this restoration is carried out as an extension of God's authority.



- I. (15-17) The **manner** in which the church should correctly restore a sinning Christian is by keeping the matter as private as possible.
- II. (18-20) The **reason** the church can restore or excommunicate errant believers is because it acts as an extension of the authority of God Himself.



Exegetical Idea: The **reason** the church should restore a sinning Christian correctly is because this restoration is carried out as an extension of God's authority.

Main Idea: 

We must restore
sinning members
properly since we act
on God's behalf



Our First Question Today (for vv. 15-17)

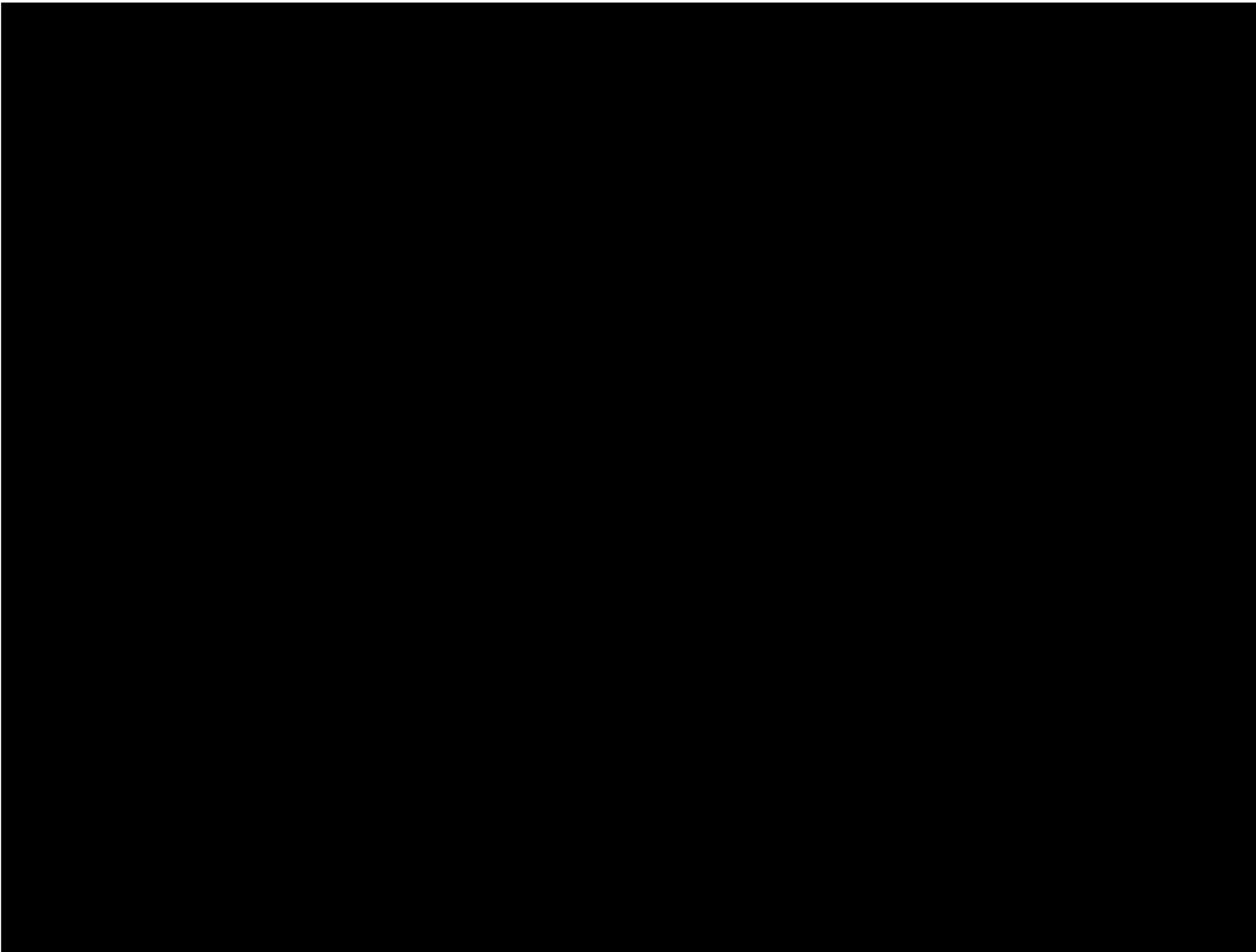


*How do we
restore sinning
Christians
properly?*



***Our 2nd question is answered in
verses 18-20:***

***Why* do we restore sinning
Christians properly?**



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