



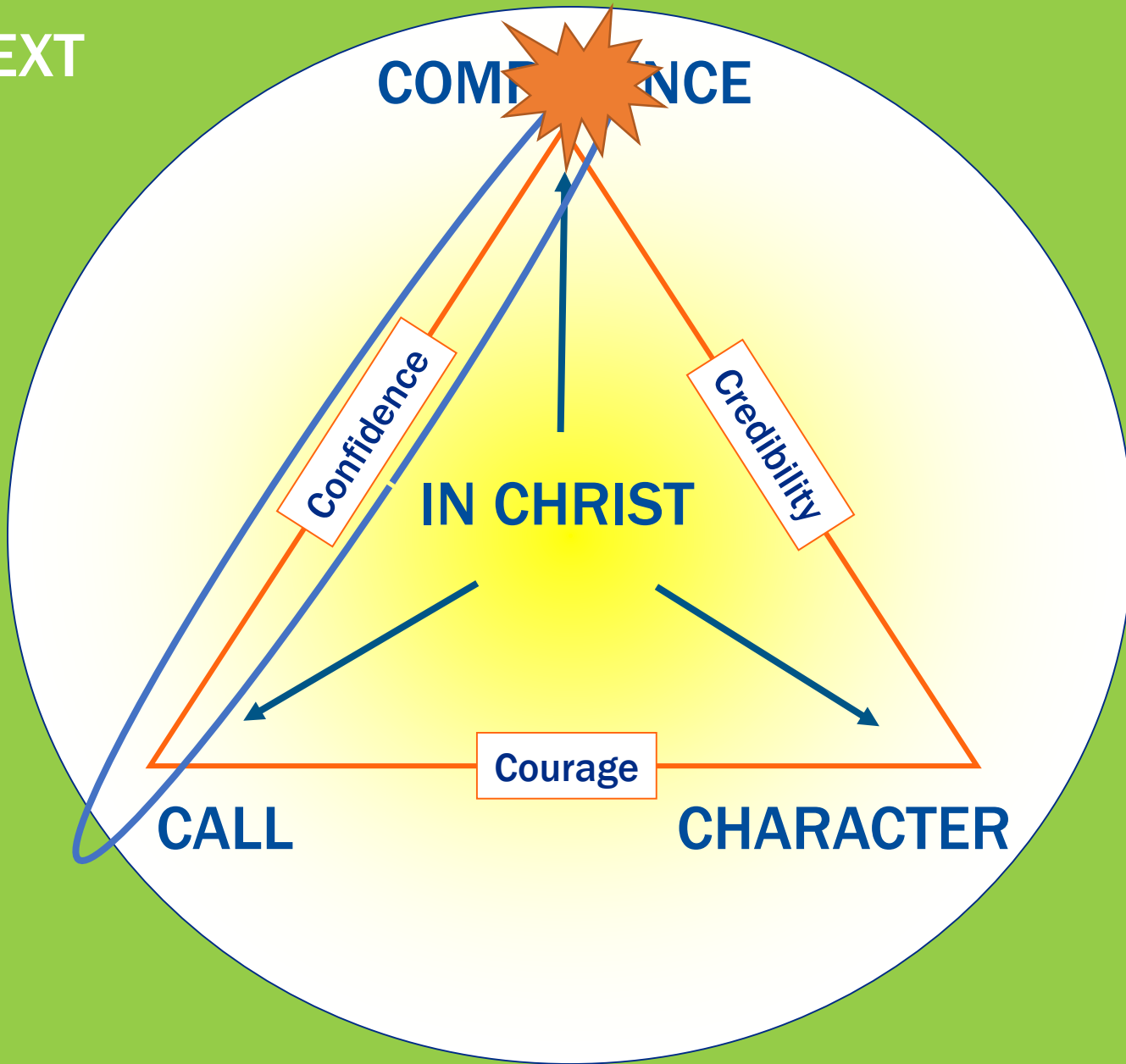
**MY GRACE IS  
SUFFICIENT**



**DIOCESE** *of*  
**OXFORD**



CONTEXT





## **LOSING CONFIDENCE:**

Facing Adaptive challenges

- Pandemic
- This cultural moment
- Changing expectations for which I do not feel equipped
- Increased complexity of role
- Increased responsibilities



**What are the most significant challenges I am currently facing and which I feel less than competent to resolve or address?**



## **A THORN IN THE FLESH...**

- Cause of acute pain, whether physical or psychological
- Continuing condition
- Unwelcome – such that we are desperate for its removal or resolution
- Humbling, even humiliating
- Exposes our weakness
- A gift from God and instrument of Satan



## DIFFERENT FROM...

- **Gaps** in skills/knowledge: things we don't have but can get (*things to work on*);
- **Limitations** which undermine performance (*things to manage around*);
- **Flaws** which are to be avoided (*usually to do with character issues*)



**Have I ever had an  
experience of coming to  
an end of myself and of  
my own resources?  
What did/does it feel  
like?**

A vertical image of a rope with frayed ends, symbolizing strength and weakness. The rope is light brown and has a braided texture. The top and bottom ends are frayed into a fan shape, while the middle section is tightly braided. The background is a light, hazy blue.

## **GOD'S RESPONSE TO OUR WEAKNESS:**

‘My grace is sufficient for you...’

‘My power is made perfect in your weakness...’ (2 Cor 12)

‘God has chosen the weak (ordinary) things of the world to shame the strong’ (1 Cor 1.26-9)





## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S PROMISES:**

'I will revel in my weaknesses...when I am weak, then I am strong'

'I will welcome the power of Christ...'  
(2 Cor 12)

'I can manage all situations through Christ who strengthens me'  
(Philippians 4.13)



**What might it look like  
for me to  
embrace/boast in my  
weakness?**

**What practical steps  
might I take in order to  
experience more of the  
power of Christ?**