



# On Being Right

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Questions to consider, discuss or journal.

We are first presented with the image of a tricycle as an image of our Christian faith, which is supported and guided by the three wheels of experience, tradition, and the Bible. Which is the front wheel of your faith tricycle?

When considering your Faith, aside from the wheels of experience, tradition and the Bible, is there a missing 4th supporting element?

The author shares how the significance of each of these aspects of her faith has shifted throughout her life. Has the front wheel changed or remained the same on your faith journey? Or perhaps, do certain wheels feel stuck or off balance?

In your experience, which element of faith is most emphasized in our community? Is there a danger in emphasizing one of these elements more than the others? Does the emphasis shift as we grow?

Throughout our lives of faith, we have experiences that can shake our faith. Where do you find the most comfort?

The author quotes Søren Kierkegaard: "Trying to be right keeps us from loving like Jesus." Have you witnessed that in yourself or in your community? What was the result?

What does your faith look like when it is motivated by being right? How do you feel? What does your faith look like when it is motivated by being like Jesus? How are these journey's different?

*Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. (1 John 3:18)*

Which wheel of your tricycle are you leaning on most at this point in your faith journey? What can you do to be more like Jesus today? How can you choose kindness over being right?