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# WALKING IN POWER

**HOW**

**DO**

**YOU**

**DEFINE**

**POWER?**



# **The Book of Mark:**

- 1. Addressed the Roman Mind and Heart**
- 2. Depicted Jesus as the Strong Servant**
- 3. Considered to be Peter's Eyewitness Account of Jesus' Life**

**“There is no greater drama in human record than the sight of a few Christians, scorned or oppressed by a succession of emperors, bearing all trials with a fierce tenacity, multiplying quietly, building order while their enemies generated chaos, fighting the sword with the word, brutality with hope, and at last defeating the strongest state that history has known. Caesar and Christ had met in the arena, and Christ had won.”**

*Will Durant*

# **THE FATHER'S AFFIRMATION**

**<sup>9</sup>At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”**

**Mark 1:9-11 (NIV)**

**<sup>16</sup>We have not depended on made-up stories in making known to you the mighty coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. With our own eyes we saw his greatness. <sup>17</sup>We were there when he was given honor and glory by God the Father, when the voice came to him from the Supreme Glory, saying, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased!" <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice coming from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.**

**2 Peter 1:16-18 (GNT)**



# **The Father's Affirmation Was:**

- 1. An Outpouring of His Love**
- 2. An Outpouring of His Spirit**

## **Affirmation:**

**a mental and emotional expression of support that empowers us from the inside out. It gives us a confidence and freedom to follow God's voice over all others.**

**The Father's Affirmation is God Giving You What You Need  
Mentally and Emotionally So You Can Live at Peace and in Faith.**

- 1. You're Forgiven**
- 2. You're Wanted**
- 3. You're Important**



**The Wrong Affirmation Leads  
to Weakness and Addiction**

# **The Wrong Affirmation Causes Us to Embrace Lies:**

- 1. Diminishing Affirmation**
- 2. Immoral Affirmation**
- 3. Vindictive Affirmation**
- 4. Absentee Affirmation**
- 5. Misdirected Affirmation**



# Brian Chesky

Co-Founder & CEO, airbnb



As airbnb's popularity and growth soared, Chesky didn't feel successful and thought taking the company public would help.

But when the IPO occurred in December 2020 – with its opening valuation of \$47 billion rising to \$86.5 billion in less than a day, Chesky didn't feel happy, satisfied, or even relieved. Instead, it marked “one of the saddest periods” of his life.



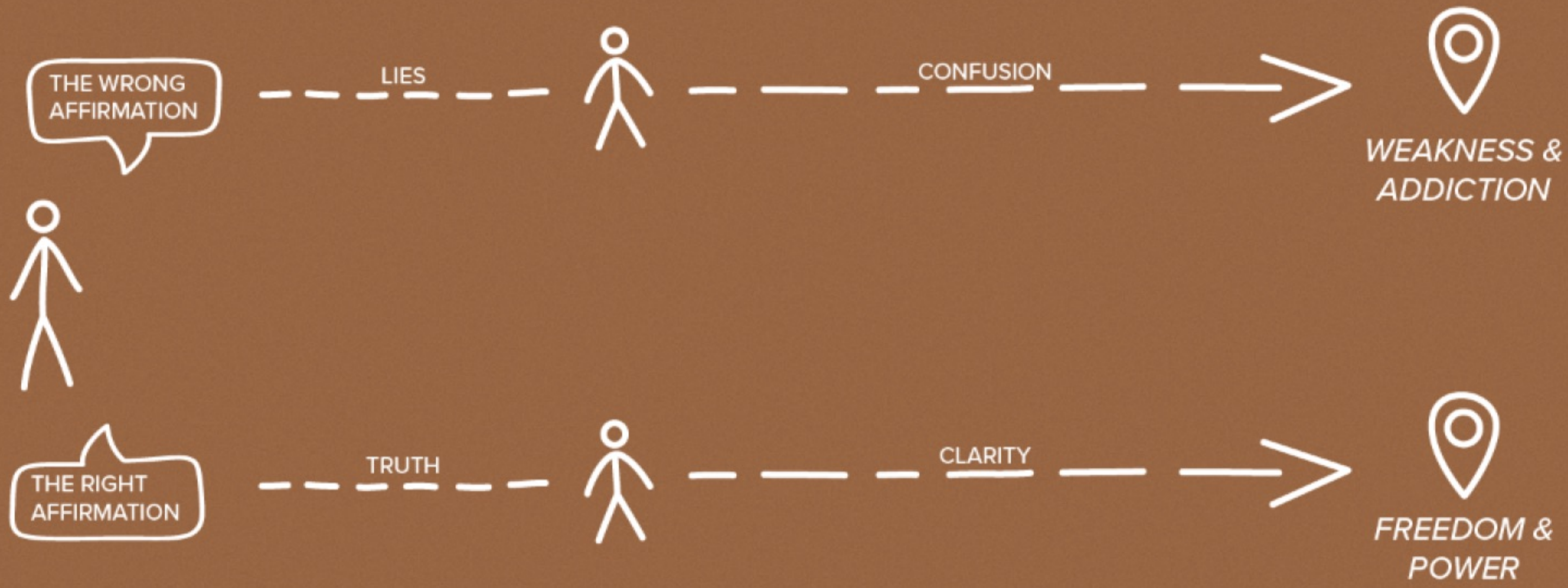
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**“I feel like a lot of us try to climb a mountain because we feel like when we get to the top of that mountain, something will be filled inside of us. Some of the most difficult periods in people’s lives aren’t when they fail, but when they get to the top of that mountain and realize they don’t feel any differently.”**





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**The Right Affirmation Leads  
to Freedom and Power**



**“It happens all the time, in families, businesses, all over. Many children grow up in our world who have never had a father say to them (either in words, in looks, or in hugs), ‘You are my dear child,’ let alone, ‘I’m pleased with you.’ In the Western world, even those fathers who think this in their hearts are often too tongue-tied or embarrassed to tell their children how delighted they are with them. Many, alas, go by the completely opposite route: angry voices, bitter rejection, the slamming of doors . . .**

*N.T. Wright*



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**“The whole Christian gospel could be summed up in this point: that when the living God looks at us, at every baptized and believing Christian, he says to us what he said to Jesus on that day.”**

*N.T. Wright*



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**But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.”**

**Isaiah 43:1 (NIV)**

**See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!**

**1 John 3:1a (NIV)**



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