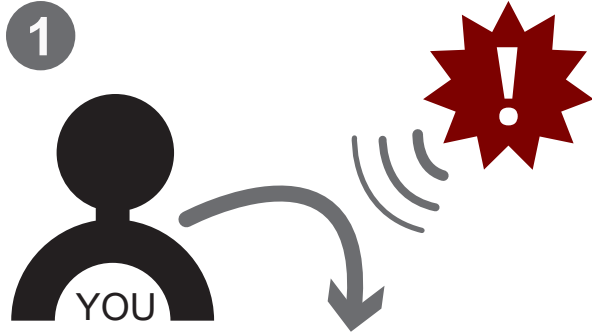




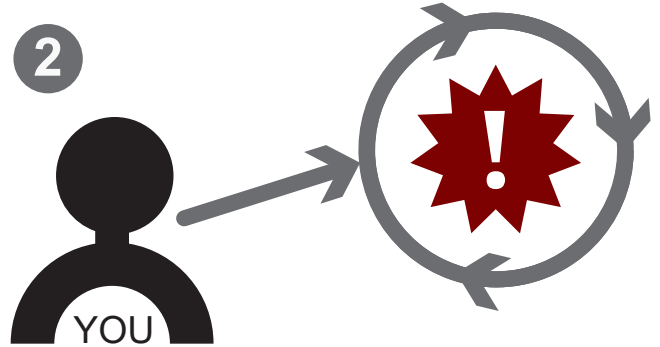
# 4 APPROACHES TO A PROBLEM



## SUPPRESS OR IGNORE THE PROBLEM

- Withdraws, avoids difficult people/circumstances
- Controls by pleasing people/avoiding conflict
- Seeks comfort, pleasure, stress-free life
- \*GOAL: IGNORE PROBLEM - PLEASE PEOPLE

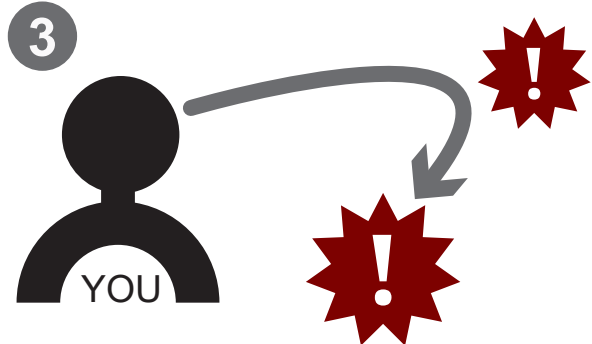
*"I see no problem!!"*



## GO AROUND IN THE PROBLEM

- Focuses on the problem without a biblical solution
- Controls by demanding, convincing, arguing, worrying
- Seeks to control people/circumstances
- \*GOAL: FIX PROBLEM - CHANGE PEOPLE

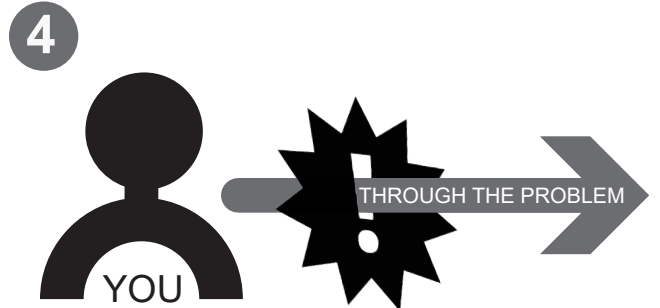
*"I will fix the problem!!"*



## ESCAPE THE PROBLEM

- Escapes into fantasy, social media, TV, sports, hobbies, porn, illicit sex, drugs, alcohol, work, ministry
- Seeks to find relief from pain in sinful ways
- Creates a bigger problem
- \*GOAL: ESCAPE PROBLEM - ELIMINATE PAIN

*"I will escape the problem!!"*



## STRAIGHT THROUGH THE PROBLEM

- Faces the problem head-on
- Relies on God and His resources
- Accepts God's plan
- Perseveres in the trial
- \*GOAL: FACE PROBLEM - DEPEND ON GOD

*"I will rely on God to take me through the problem!!"*

*Original concept from Jay E. Adams*

PART ONE: THE GOSPEL AND OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS PREFACE