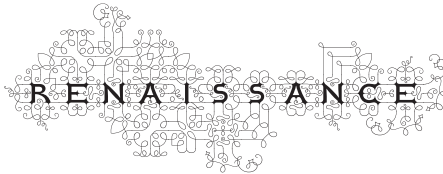


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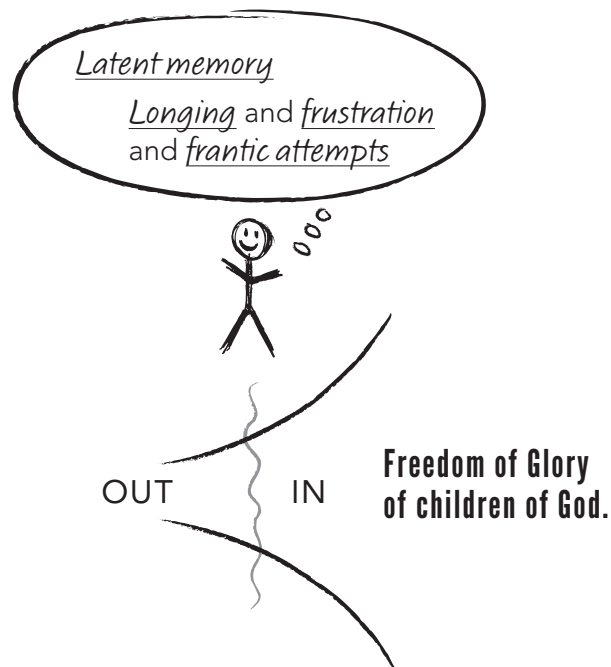
## Homecoming

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### RENAISSANCE, PART 5

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EXILE → DIASPORA → RETURN (Renaissance)

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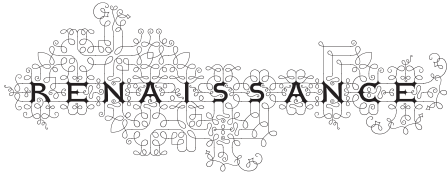
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✓ Mark this: Guilt and shame will never bring renaissance!

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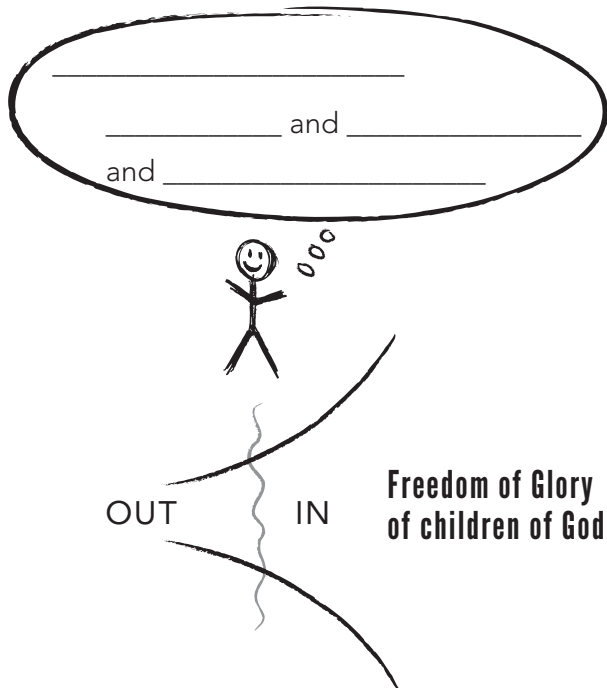
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