

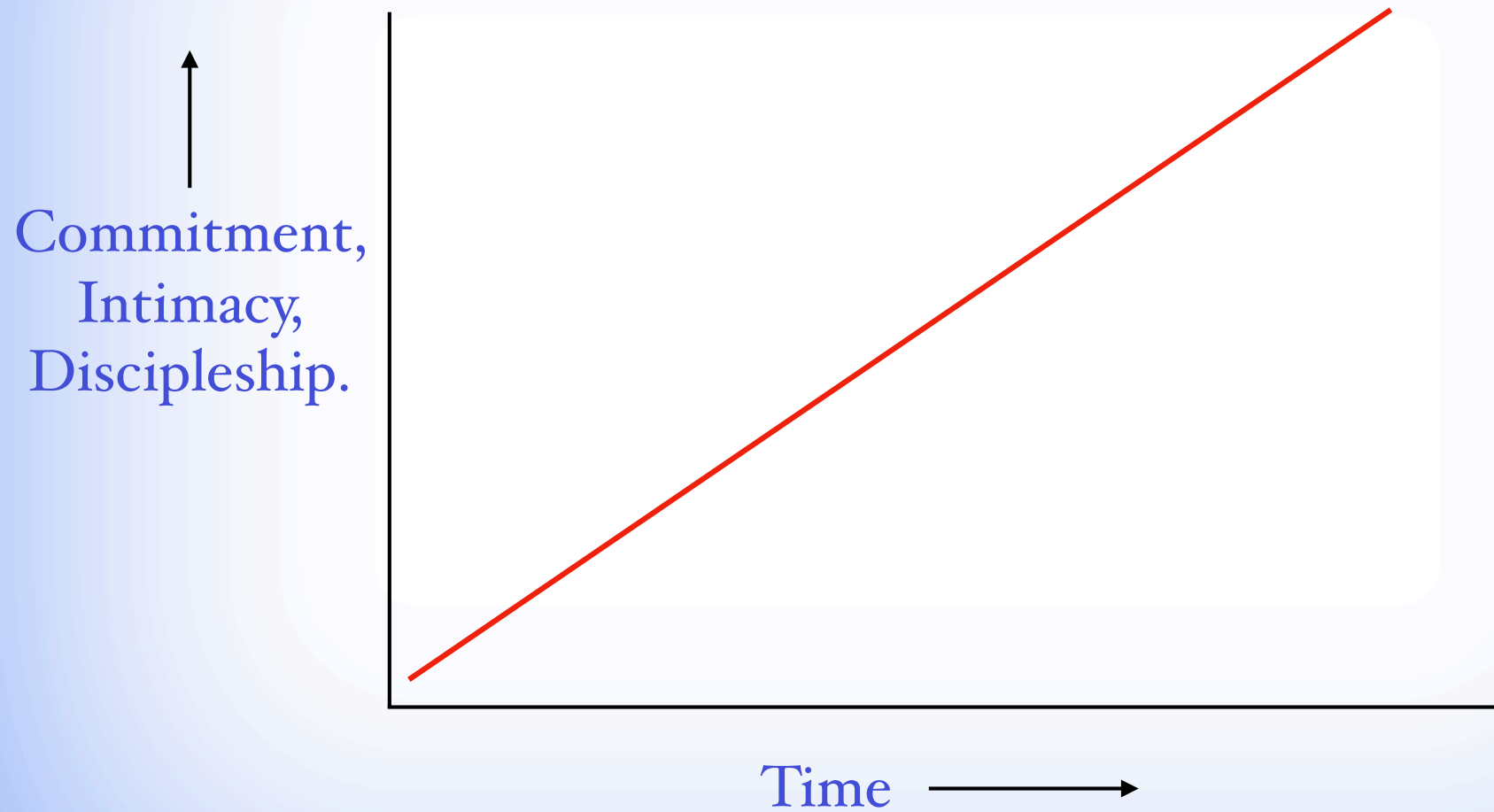
The early life of Abraham (a.k.a. Abram.)

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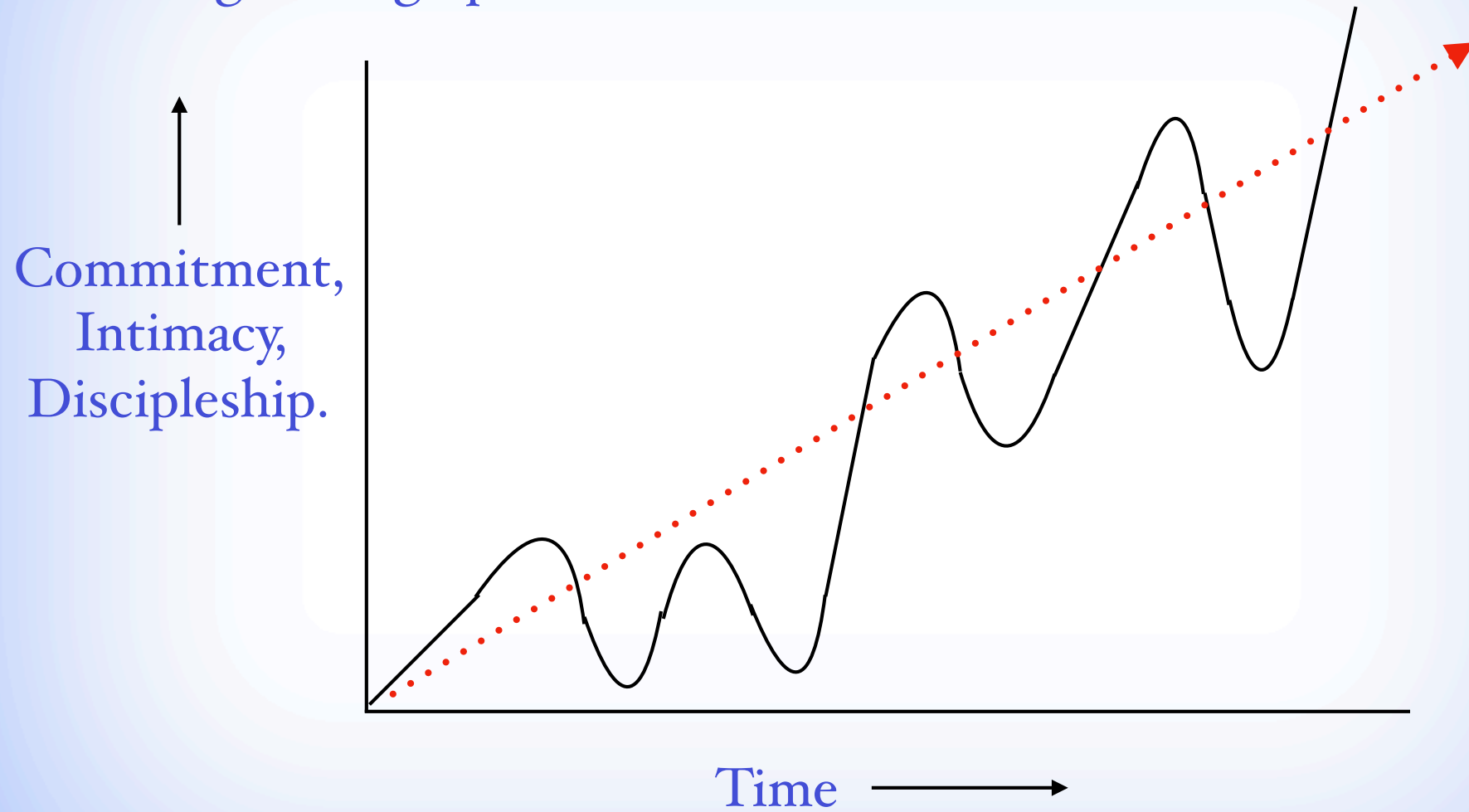
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Our imaginary growth graph



Our true growth graph



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2. The significance. Genesis 11.31b; 12.8,9,10; 13.1,3 + 6
 - a. Note the recurring idea.
 - b. A false formula.
 - c. What happens with a false formula?

“For the first time in his life, his head came in contact with reality, and the impact proved fatal!!”

- i. Defection.
- ii. Denial.
- iii. Depression.
- iv. Development.

3. The setting. Genesis 11:31

- a. Not too different.
- b. The basics never change.

4. The starting point. Genesis 12:1

HOW DOES THE LORD SPEAK TO PEOPLE?

1. The Lord speaks in many ways to His servants.
Hebrews 1:1

- a. Supernaturally..... but does He still do this today?
 - i. Some say No - Christ has come and Bible here
 - ii. Other say Yes - God has not changed.
 - iii. Still others say Yes but
- b. Very normally.

2. The Lord speaks through His servants. Hebrews 1.1
 - a. Through our words... prophetically or normally
 - b. Through our walk.
3. The Lord speaks thro' creation. Rom. 1.20; Ps 19.1-4
scientifically or artistically.
4. The Lord speaks through our conscience.
Romans 2.14-15
 - a. Can be sensitised. (eg Pharisees)
 - b. Can be seared (burned) 1 Tim 4.2
 - c. Can be spot on. (accurate) 2 Tim 1.3
5. The Lord speaks through scripture. 2 Tim 3. 15-16
2 Tim 1.13
6. The Lord speaks through Christ. Hebrews 1. 1-2;
Col 1.15; John 1.1,14,18
7. Not certain how He spoke to Abram. Acts 7.2