

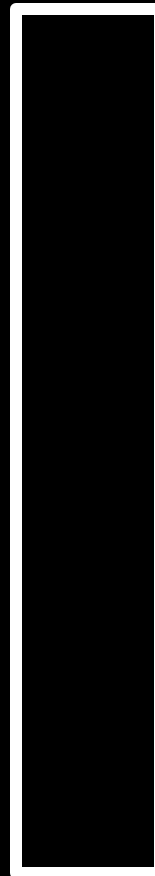
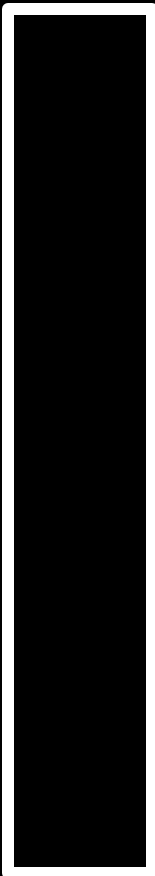
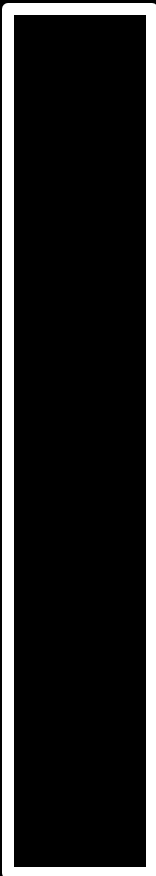
New Life



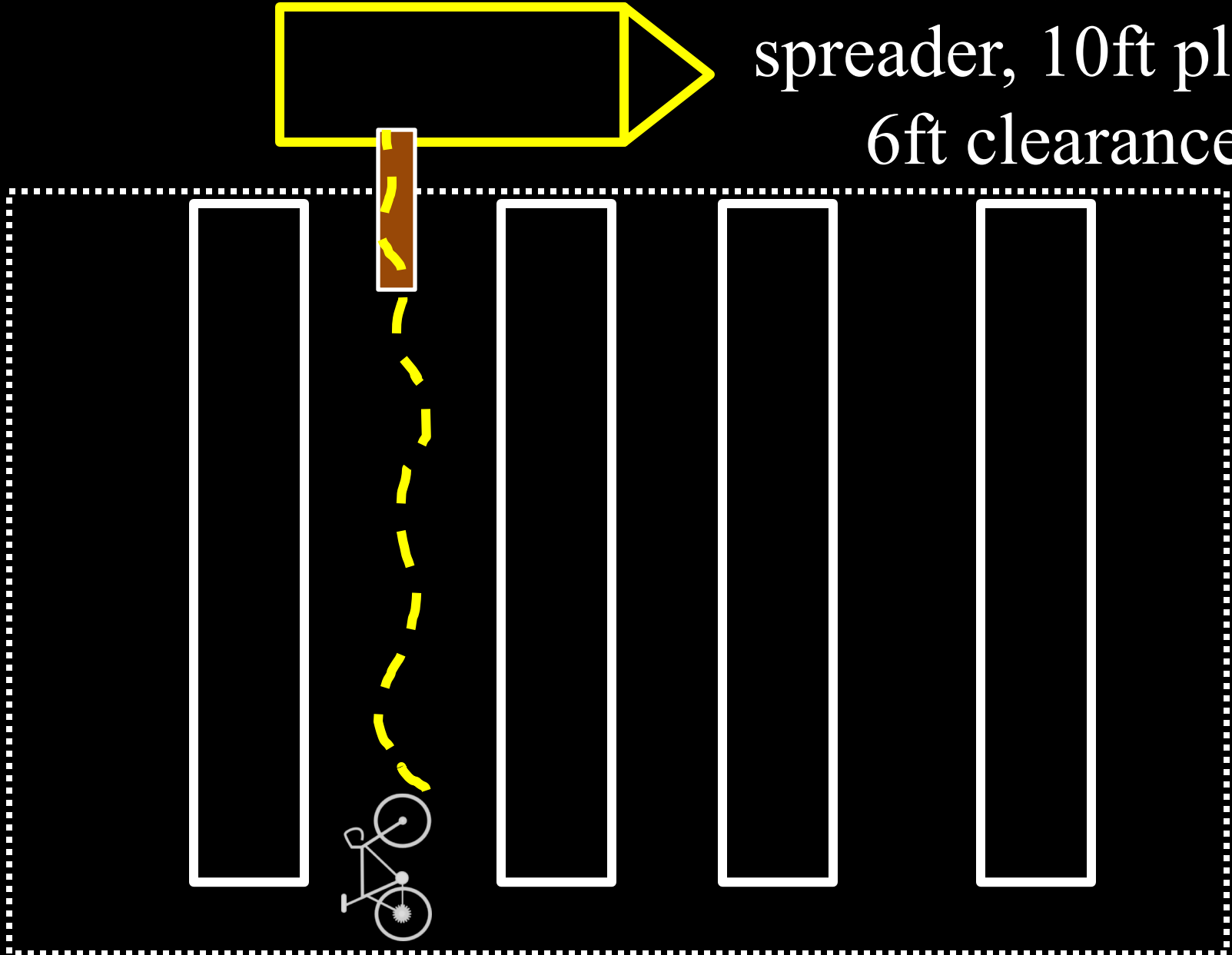




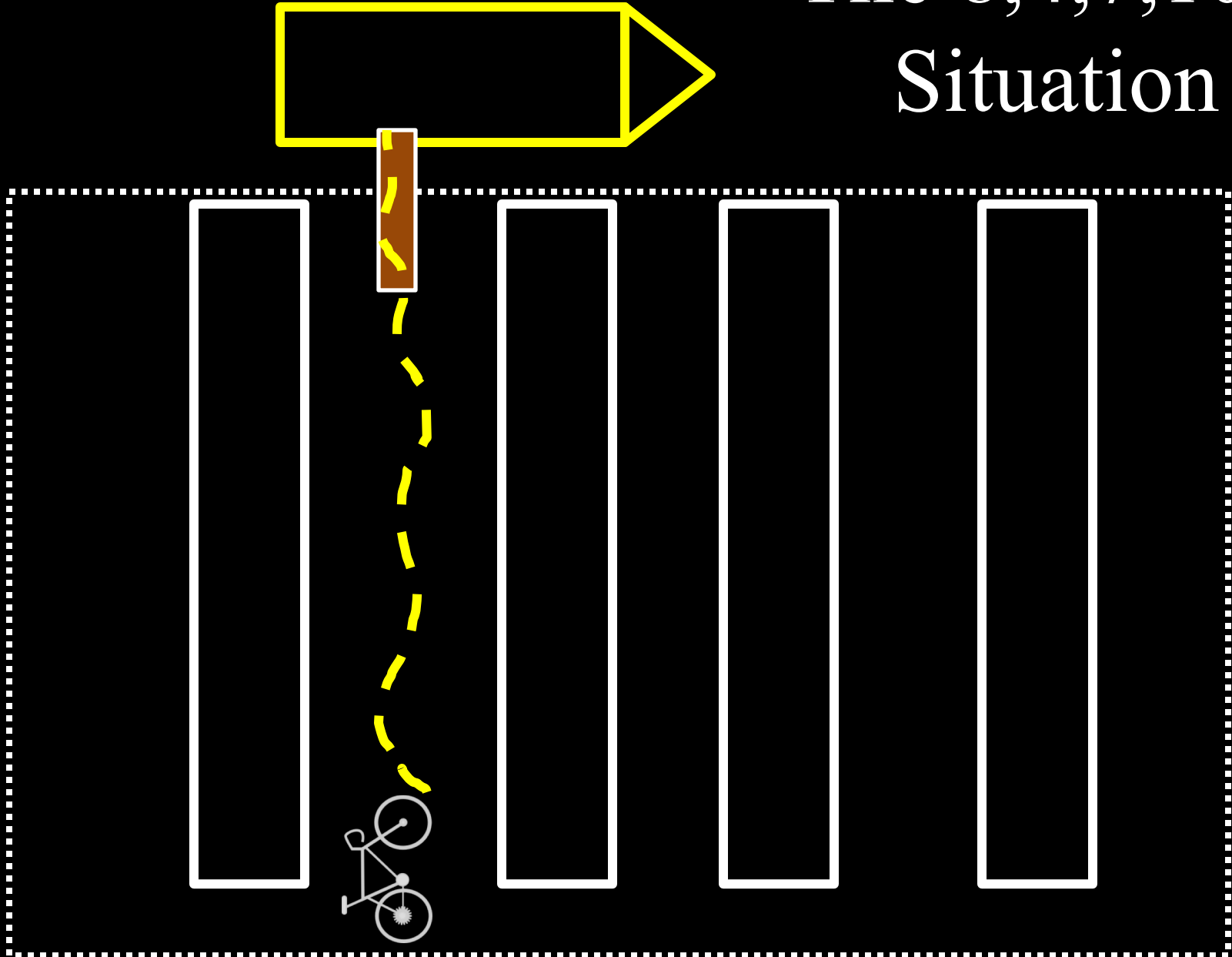
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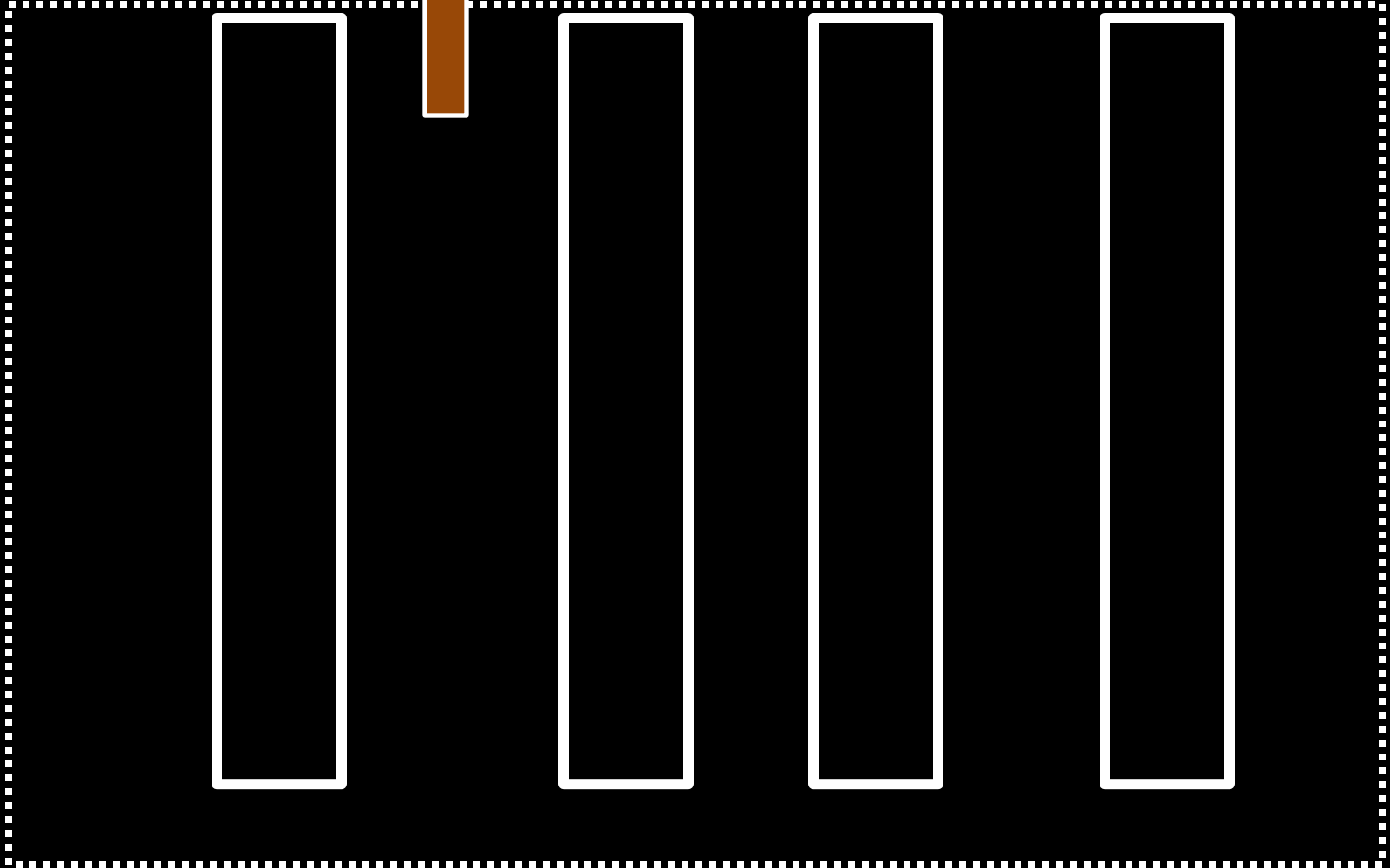
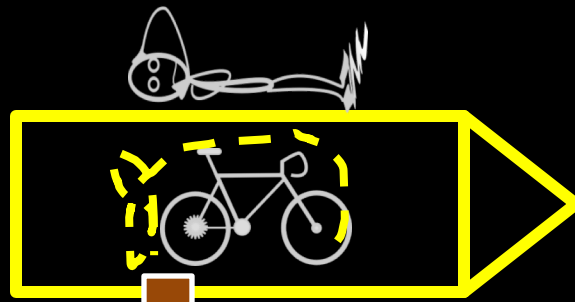


8ft door, 4ftx7ft
spreader, 10ft plank,
6ft clearance



The 8,4,7,10,6 Situation





1 Peter 3:8-17 seems to be an
8, 4, 7, 10, 6 situation

Vs 8

Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

Vs 9

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

Vs 10

For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech.

Your words

- have piercing power
- are a force to be reckoned with
- are a thing of beauty
- have destroying and crushing power
- can cause instant results
- contains life
- can clear the way
- are personal

Vs 11-12

He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Vs 13-14

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened."

Vs 15b-16

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander

Vs 17

It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer
for doing good than for doing evil.

Vs 15a

But in your hearts set apart
Christ as Lord.

Your heart

You are responsible for your heart

You must make the choice

Proverbs 4:23

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is
the wellspring of life.

Proverbs 4:23

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of
it are the issues of life. (KJV)
(source, cause, foundation, spring)

“Place”

- The place from where your desires affections, and passions are birthed
- The place from where your choices arise
- The place where your thoughts are formed

Set apart

Consecrate - Dedicate

Your “place” is where this act of
dedication is taking place

Christ

2 Corinthians 1:21

Now it is God who makes both us and
you stand firm in Christ.

No matter what you are in, the Christ
causes you to stand firm

Romans 3:22-22

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

The Christ is the giver of righteousness

Integrity, virtue, purity of life, rightness

Correctness in thinking, feeling, and
acting

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

The Christ creates peace with God

Luke 4:18-19

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because He has anointed me to preach
good news to the poor. He has sent me
to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind, to
release the oppressed, to proclaim the
year of the Lord's favor."

The Christ

- Preaches the good news
- Frees the prisoner
- Gives sight to the blind
- Releases the oppressed
- Proclaims the Lord's favor

As Lord

- The master
- The authority
- The owner
- The deciding power

1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.

Sinner's Prayer

Lord Jesus, for too long I have kept you out of my life. I know that I am a sinner and that I cannot save myself. No longer will I close the door when I hear you knocking. By faith I gratefully receive your gift of salvation. I am ready to trust you as my Savior. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for coming to earth. I believe you are the Son of God who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day. Thank you for paying for my sins and giving me the gift of eternal life. I believe your words are true. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus, and be my Savior. Amen.

Saints prayer

Lord Jesus I open my heart, the “place” of my desires, affections, passions, choices and thoughts, to you. Not only do I open that “place” to you I also dedicate it to you and ask for your presence to meet me there. You are the Christ, the One who secures and steadies my life, I want that. You are an endless supply of integrity, goodness, and purity, my “place” needs that. You provide correctness in thinking, feeling, and acting, I am hungry for that.

You create peace with God, I am longing for more of that. You always bring news that is good for me, offer freedom from what jams me up, enable me to really see, release me from what has the potential of pushing the life out of me, and you always bring God's favor, oh how I am craving for and in need of those graces in my life. I surrender my "place" to you my Lord and Master. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus, and be my Lord. Amen.