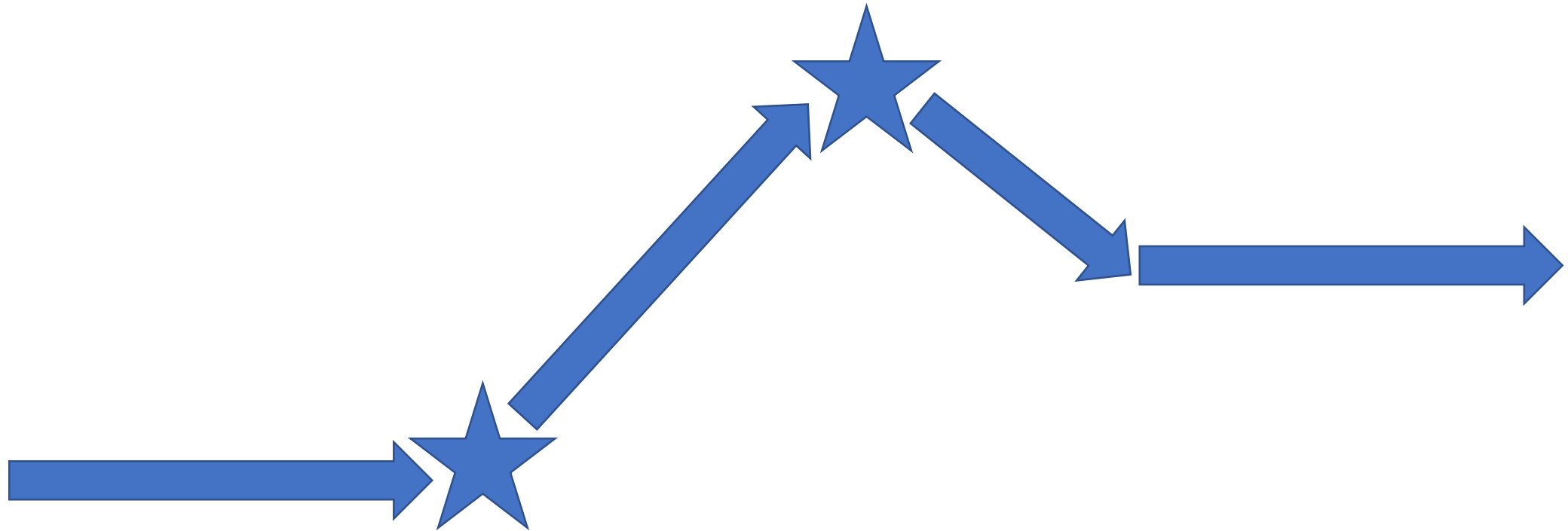
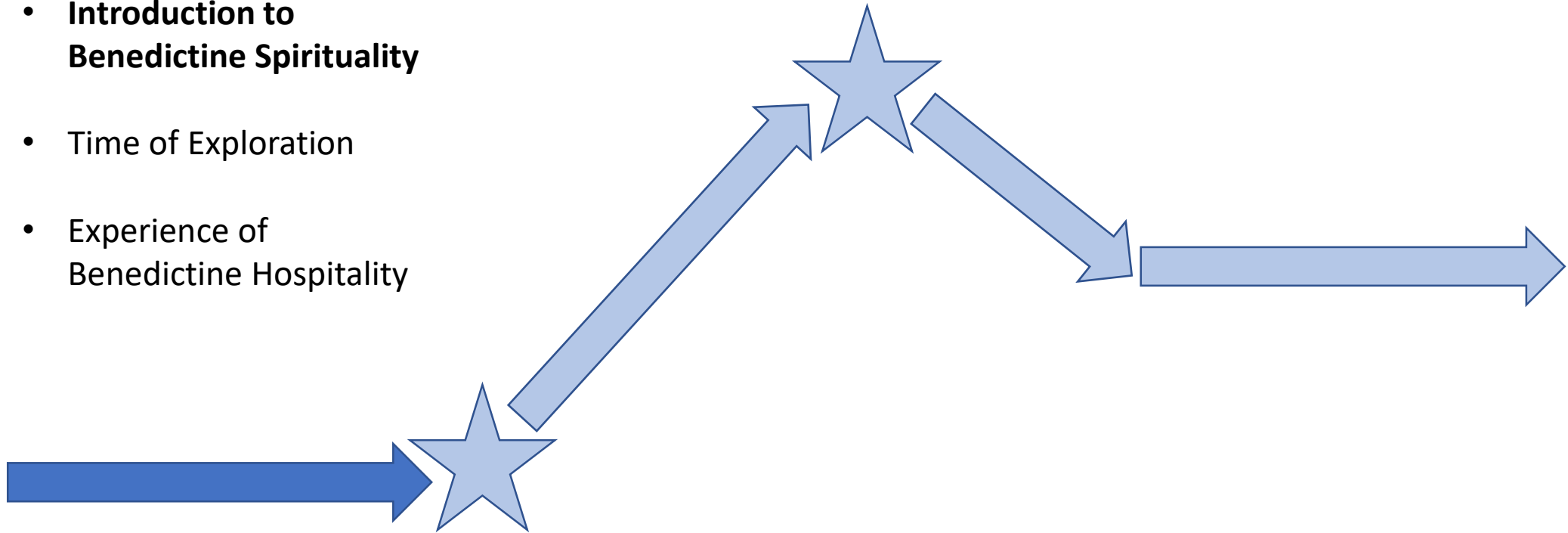


# Story Arc for an Oblate - Journey



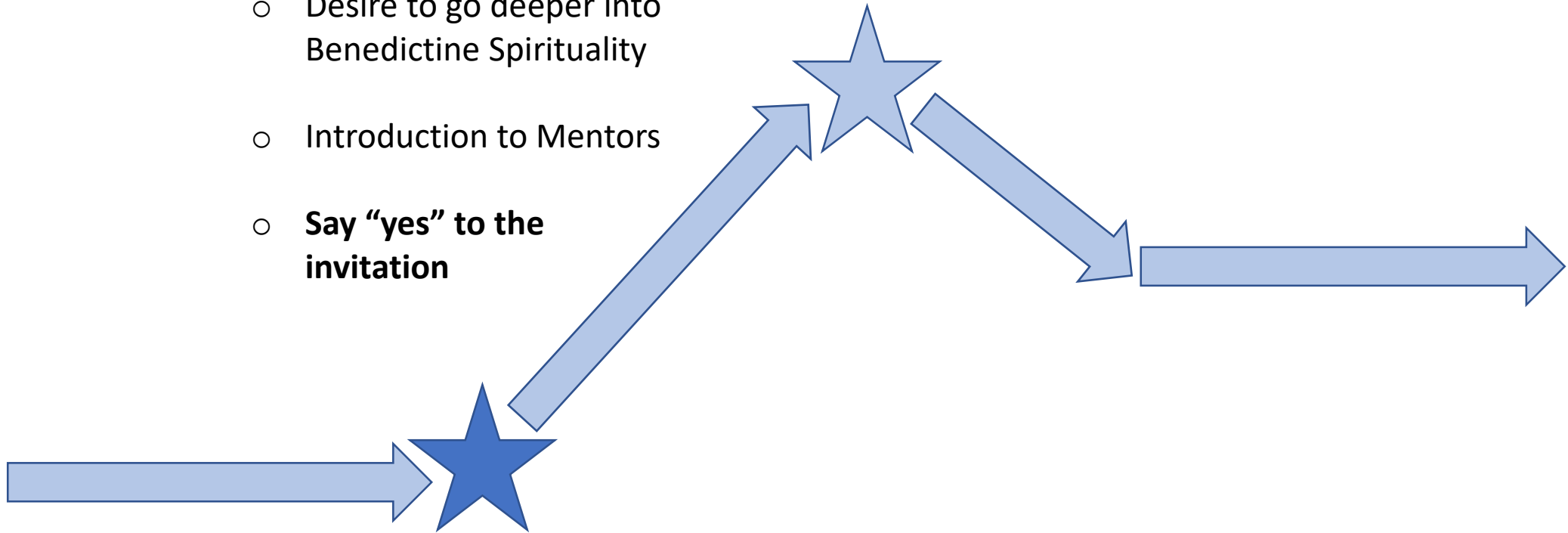
# Guest Period

- **Introduction to Benedictine Spirituality**
- Time of Exploration
- Experience of Benedictine Hospitality



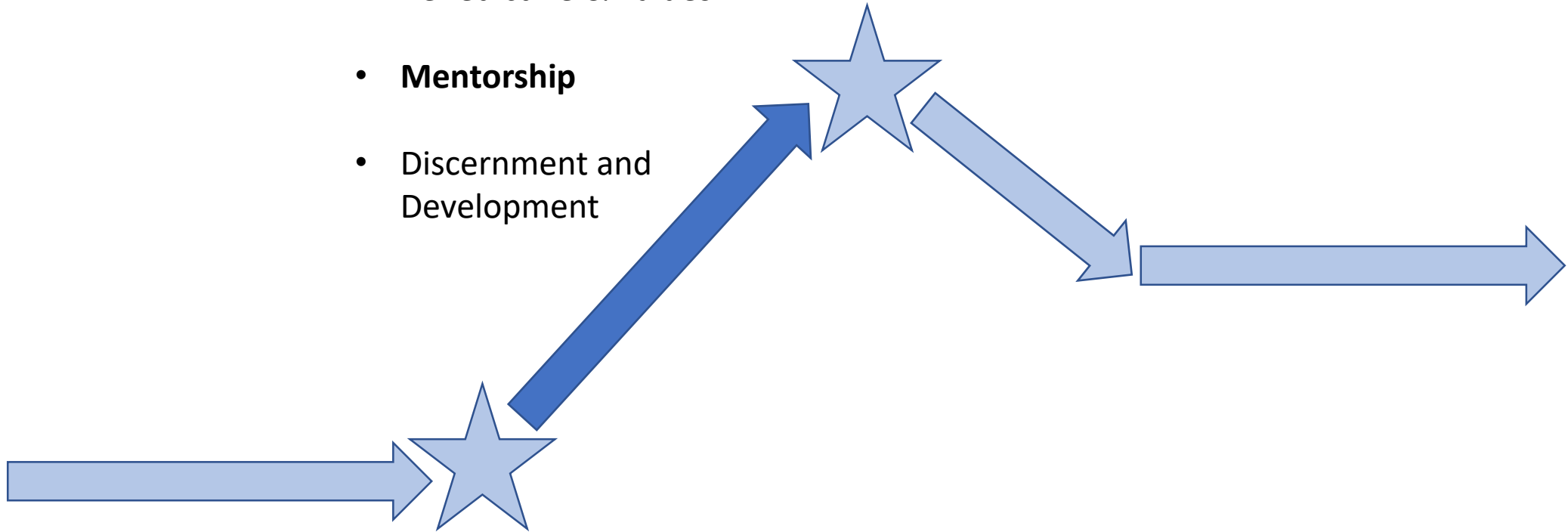
# Decision to Become a Candidate

- Desire to go deeper into Benedictine Spirituality
- Introduction to Mentors
- **Say “yes” to the invitation**

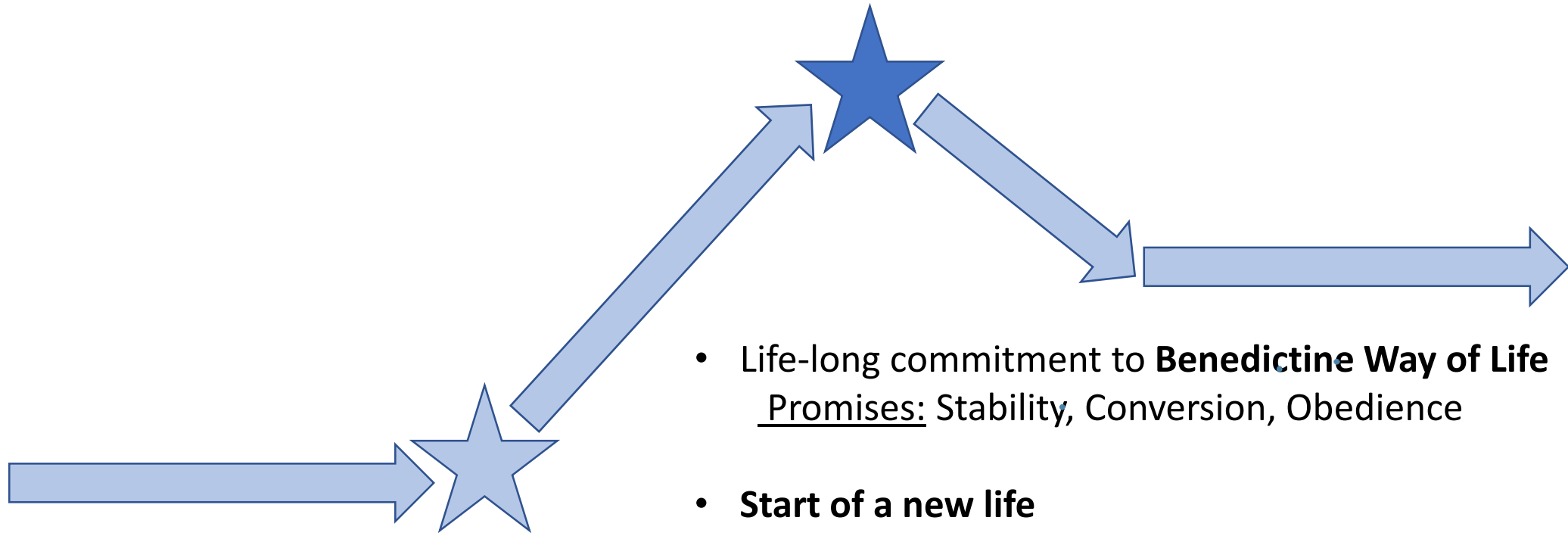


# Candidate Period

- Study of the Rule of Benedictine & Values
- **Mentorship**
- Discernment and Development

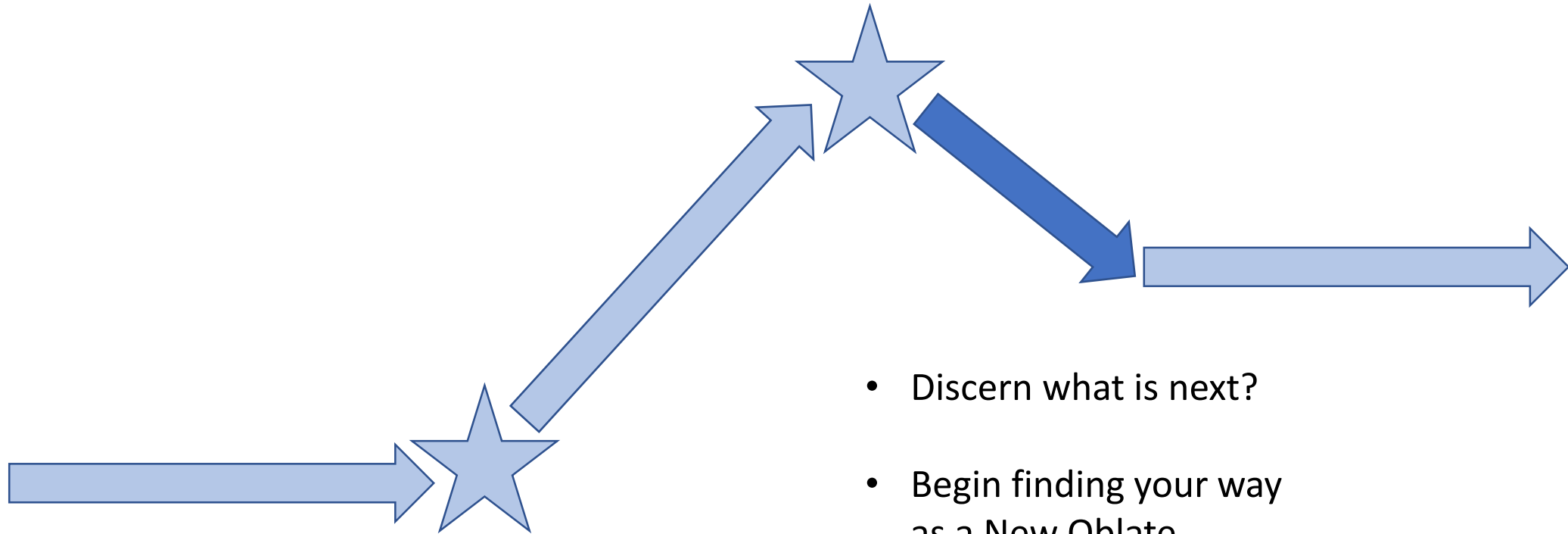


# Oblation



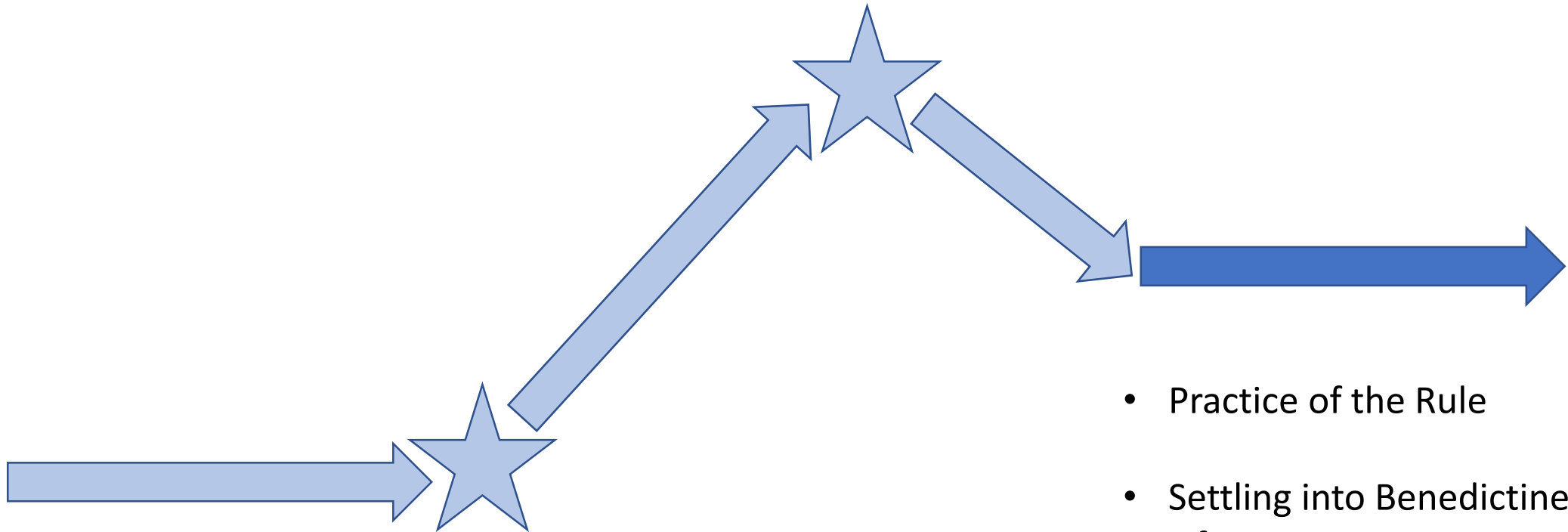
- Life-long commitment to **Benedictine Way of Life**  
Promises: Stability, Conversion, Obedience
- **Start of a new life**
- An experience of profound grace & hospitality

# Now What?



- Discern what is next?
- Begin finding your way as a New Oblate
- Begin to share Benedictine Hospitality

# A New Oblate

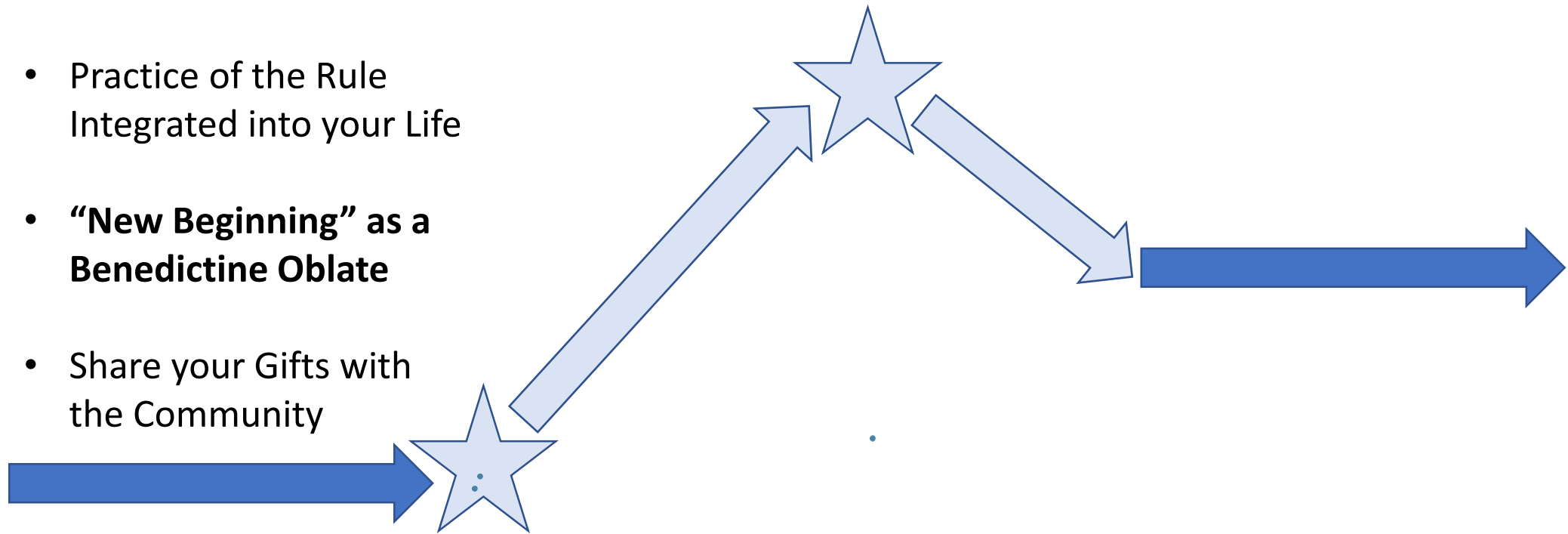


- Practice of the Rule
- Settling into Benedictine Life
- Explore the Gifts you have to Share

# Journey Continues . . .

## Life as an Oblate

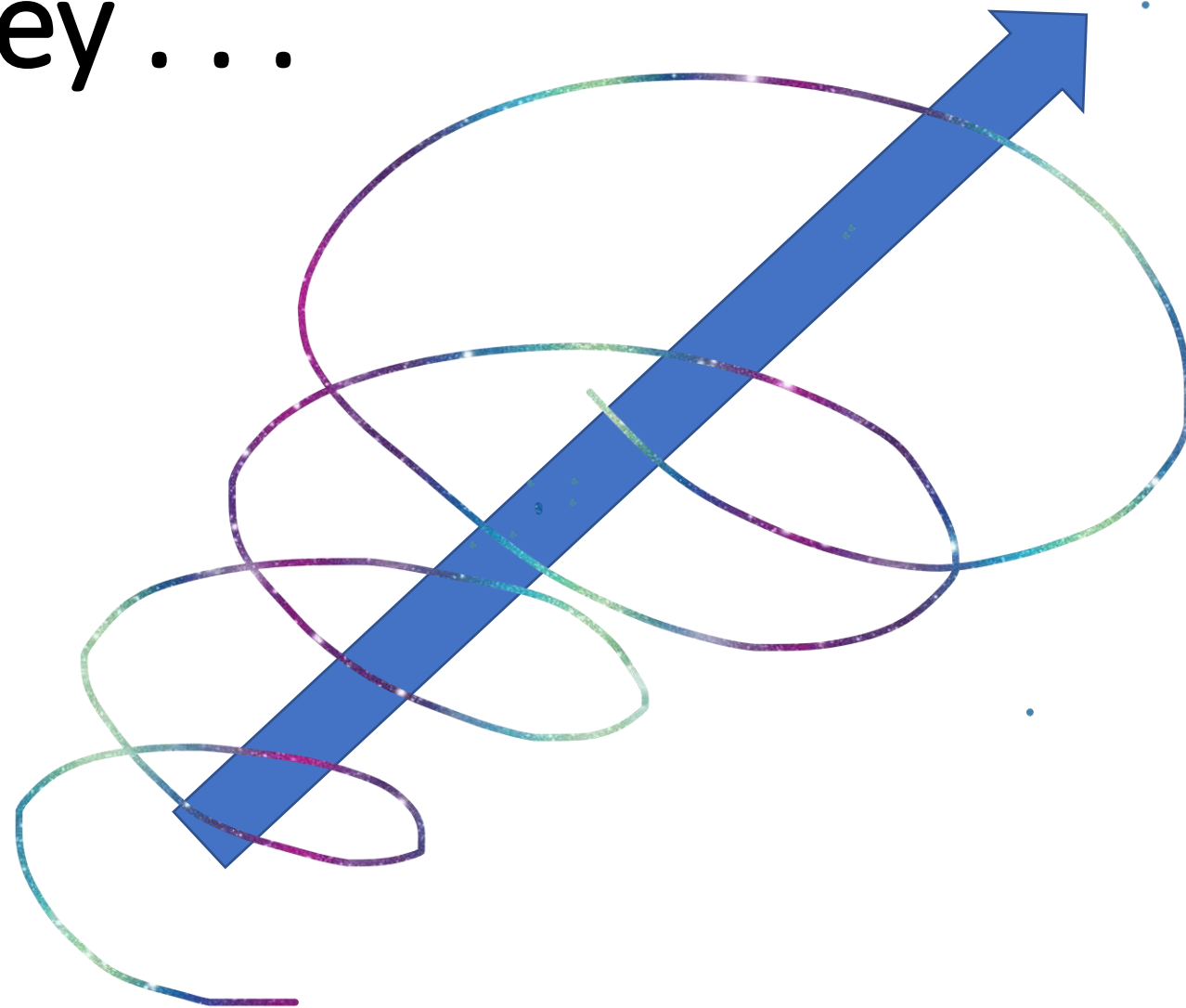
- Practice of the Rule Integrated into your Life
- **“New Beginning” as a Benedictine Oblate**
- Share your Gifts with the Community

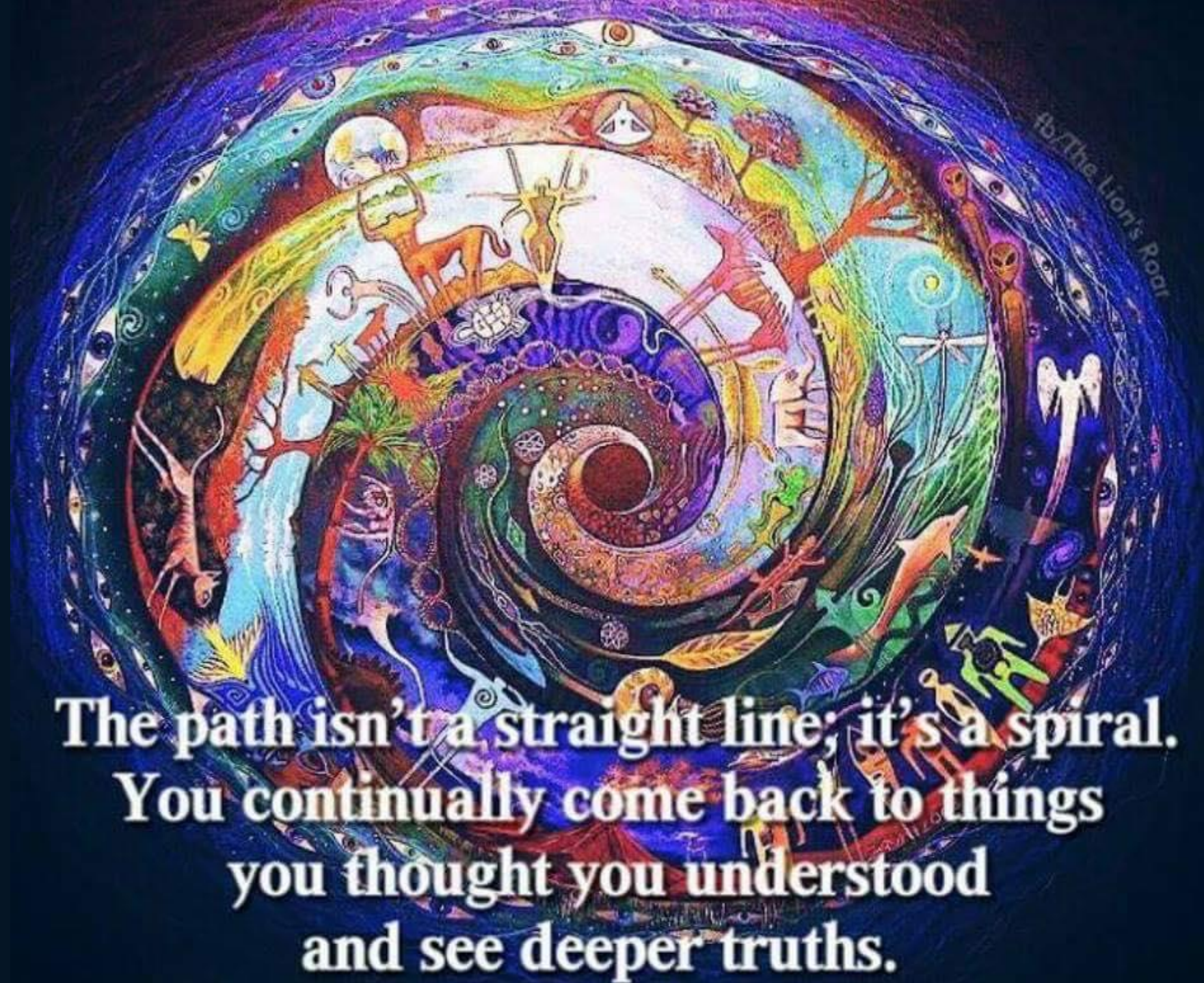


Decision to go deeper. . .



Journey . . .





**The path isn't a straight line; it's a spiral.  
You continually come back to things  
you thought you understood  
and see deeper truths.**