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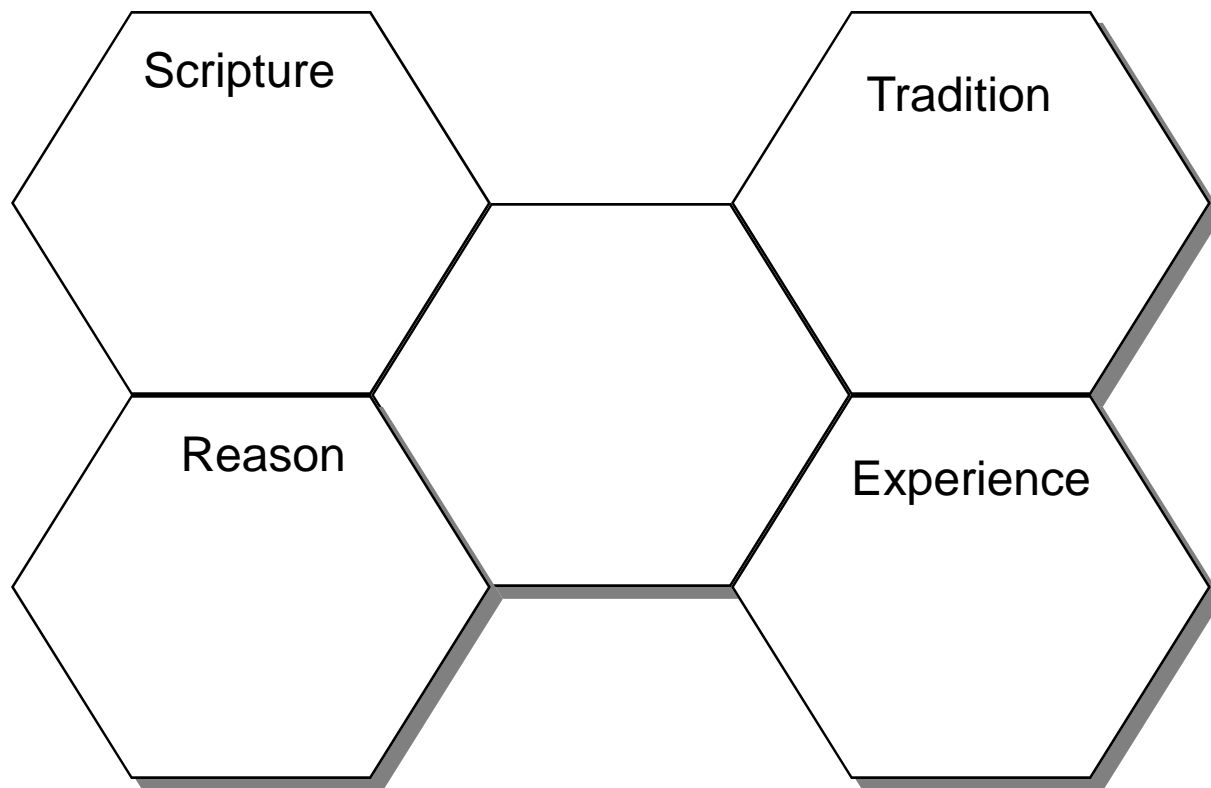
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# A Theological Template

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A Theological Template is a tool for theological reflection. Use it to sort and organize the data of life, identify how things are, make a prognosis of what is likely to happen, and make a prescription—a theological proposal—for that for which your faith calls you to.



**PROCEDURE:**

1. Identify the issue you want to consider (what's the question?)
2. Determine how each quadrilateral component informs the issue (resources, statements, truths)
3. Interpret how the components interrelate
4. Hypothesize on the implications of your interpretation
5. Compose a theological statement on the issue or question at hand
6. Predict how your theological statement will impact you and your ministry.

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## worksheet

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1. Identify the issue you are considering (what is the question?)
2. What do each of the quadrilateral components (scripture, tradition, reason, experience) have to offer to the issue at hand by way of a statement, a truth, a proposition, a resource, a question, etc.
3. With the information at hand, give an interpretation of how all of this relates—answer the question, “The big picture as I see it is . . . .”
4. What might be some implications of your interpretation of the big picture? Do you need to revise your thinking at this point?
5. Based on your thoughts so far, compose a theological statement (no more than three or four sentences long) on the issue or question at hand.
6. Once you are satisfied with your theological statement, predict how the application of your statement would impact you and your ministry.