

The Root of the Problem

A large, leafy green tree stands on a grassy field under a blue sky. The ground is cut away to reveal a complex network of roots extending deep into the dark brown soil. The roots are light-colored and spread out in all directions, illustrating the concept of finding the 'root' of a problem.

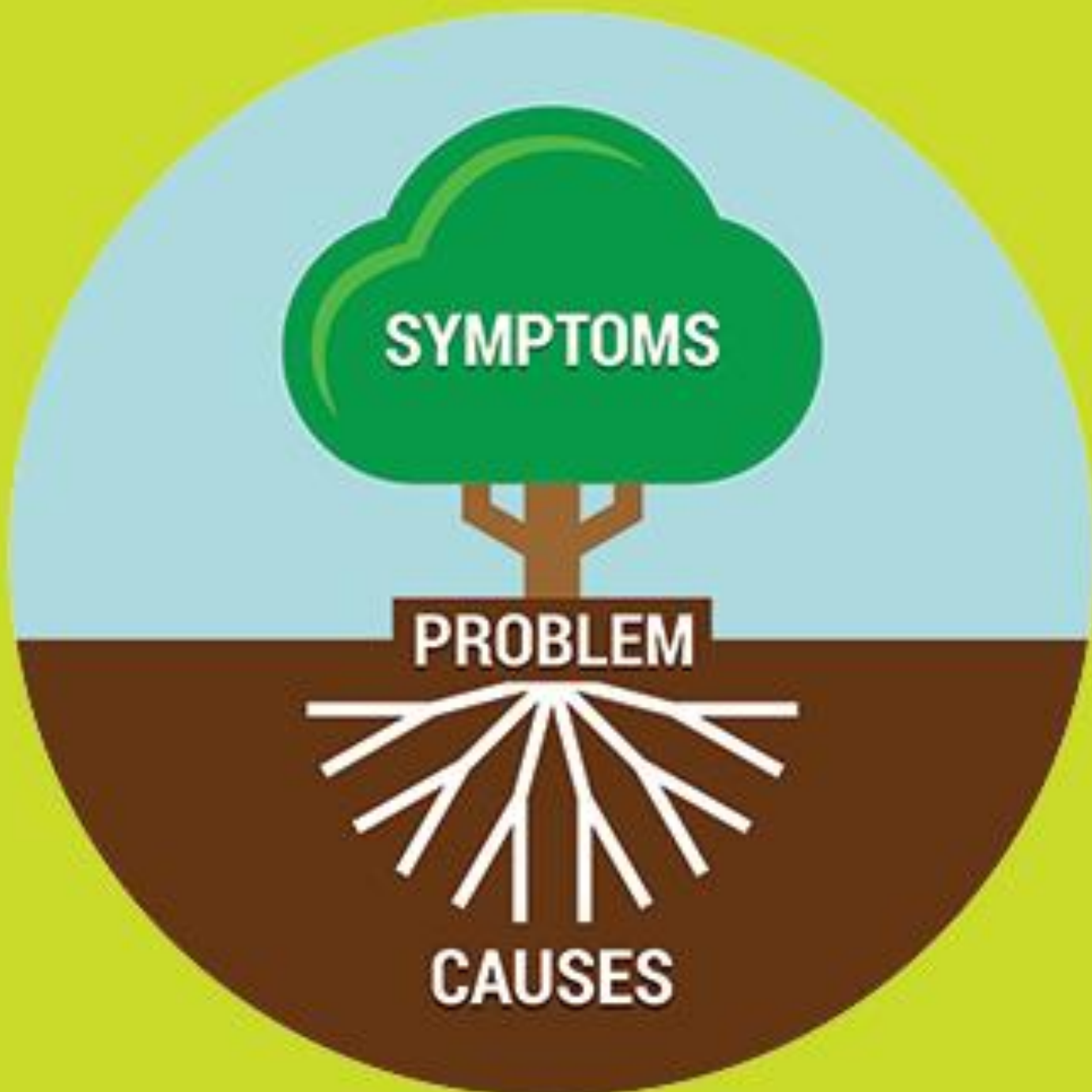
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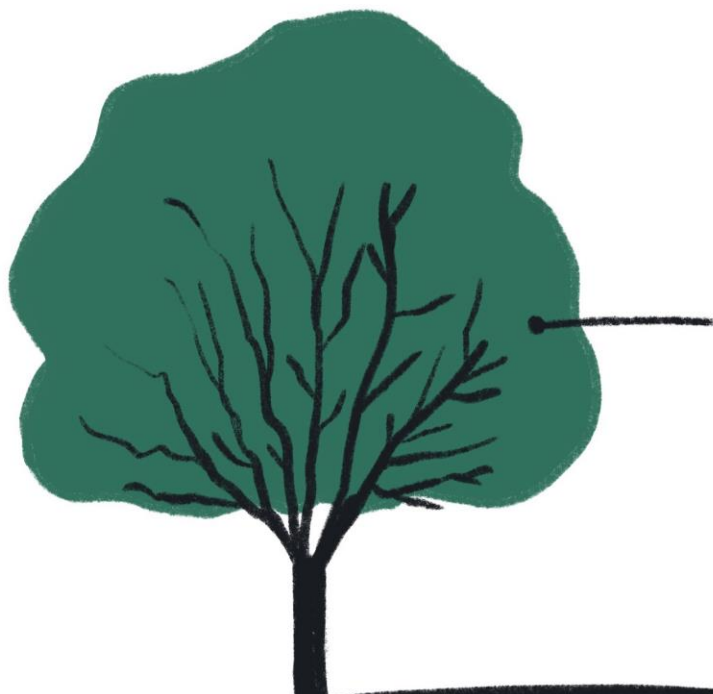
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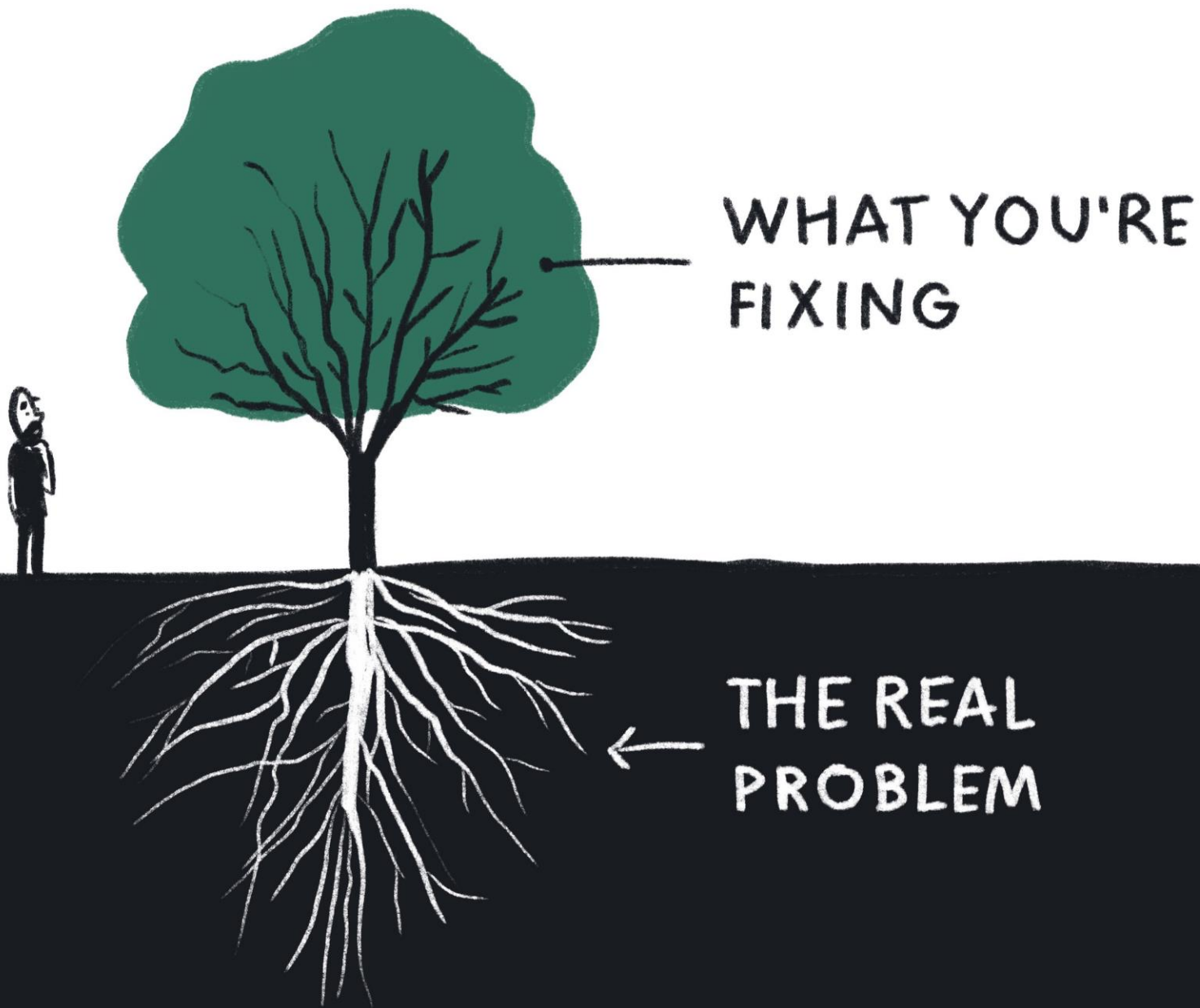
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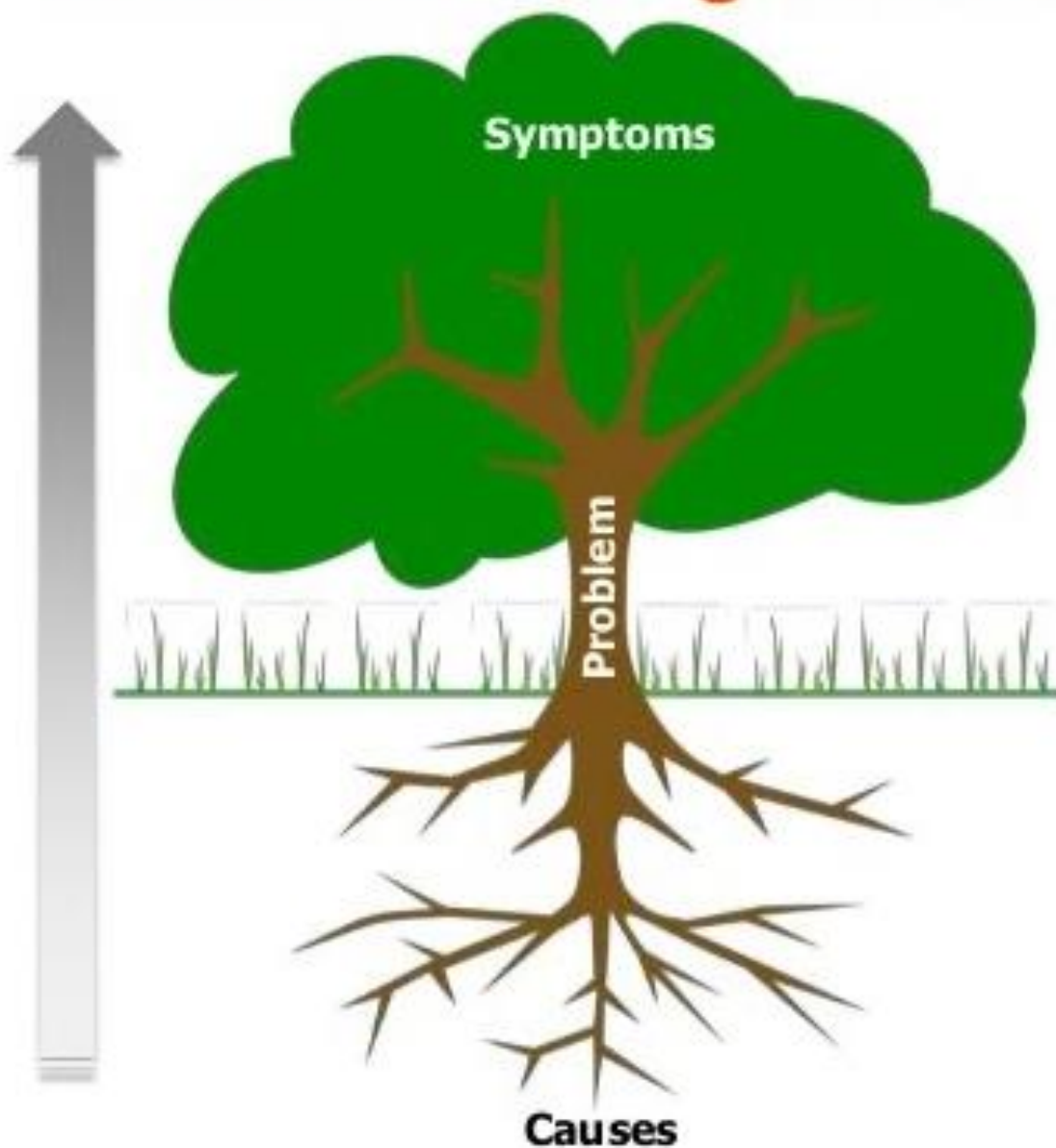
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THE REAL
PROBLEM

Understanding Root Causes



Symptoms

- Result or outcome of the problem
- What you see as a problem (*Obvious*)

Achy, weak, tired

The Problem

- Gap from goal or standard

Fever

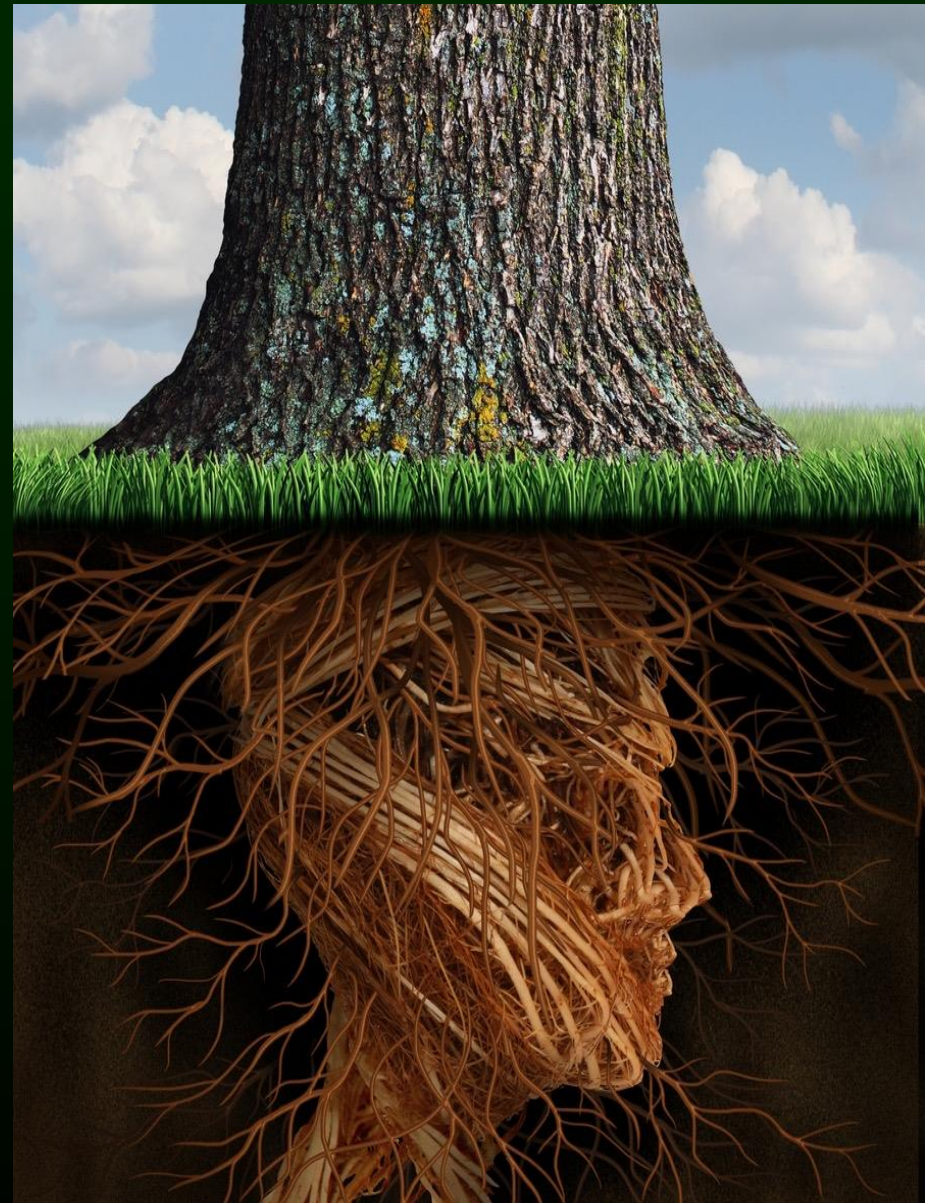
Causes

- "The Roots" – system below the surface, bringing about the problem (*Not Obvious*)

Infection

Root of the Problem

- Root of Bitterness
 - *Hebrews 12:14-15*
- Root of Materialism
 - *1 Timothy 6:10*
- Root of Sin
 - *James 1:13-15*
- Root of Apostasy
 - *Matthew 22:29*



Solution of the Root Problem

➤ *Ephesians 3:14-19*

➤ *Colossians 2:6-7*

➤ *Romans 13:14*

➤ *Jude 10-12*

