

COME HOME, THE FATHER IS WAITING

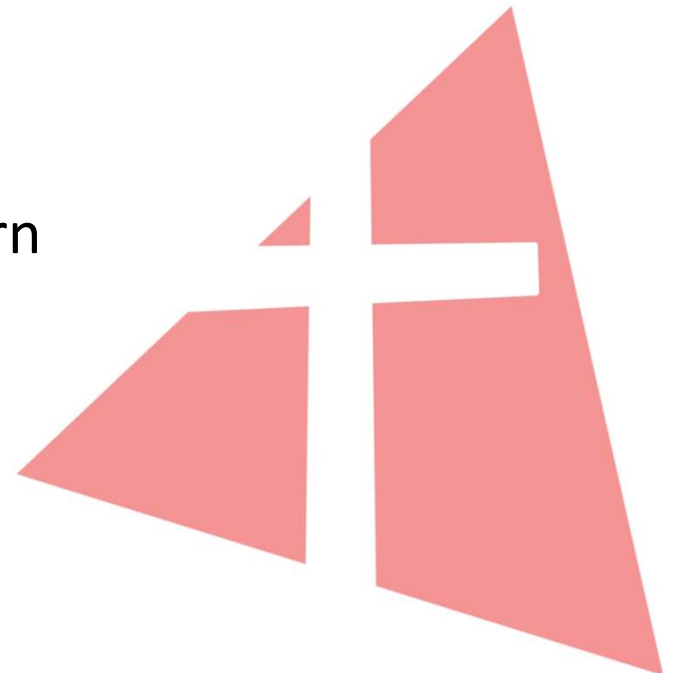
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LAST WEEK

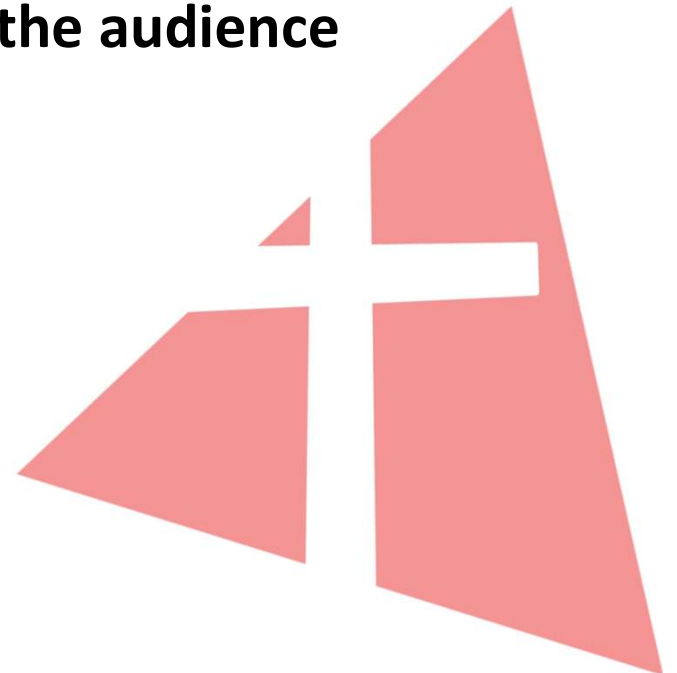
○ The younger brother


- Left the house
- Thought he lost his identity
- The Father restored the son upon his return



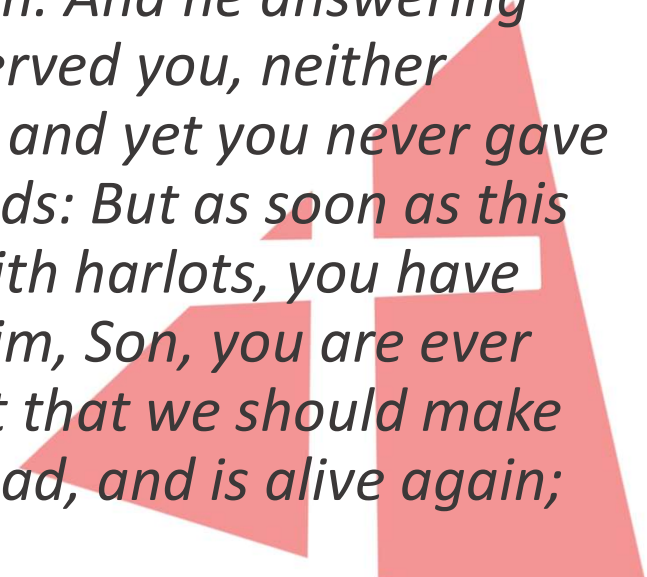
QUICK REMINDER

- **Two sons represent two groups of people in the audience**
 - Younger son: Tax collectors and sinners
 - Older son: Pharisees, religious leaders





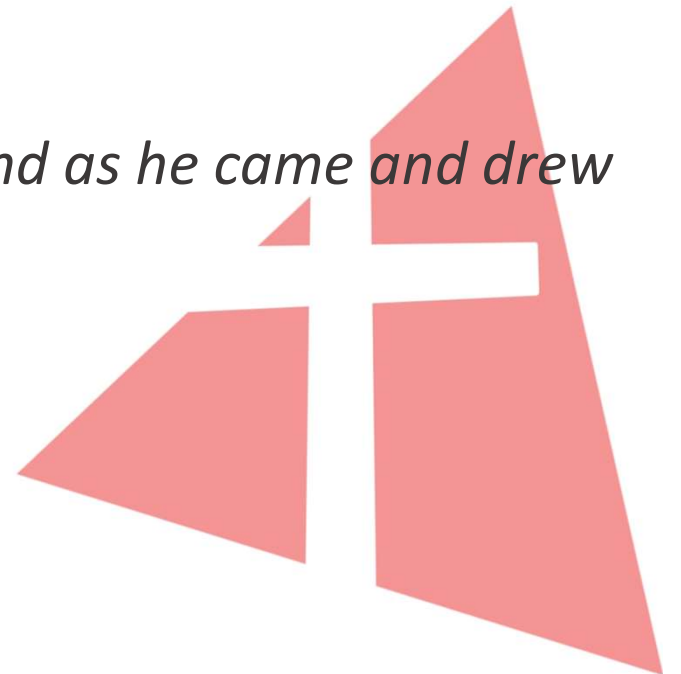
Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, your brother has come; and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound. And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore his father came out, and entreated him. And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years have I served you, neither transgressed I at any time your commandment: and yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: But as soon as this your son came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you have killed for him the fatted calf. And he said unto him, Son, you are ever with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry, and be glad: for this your brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found. (Luke 15:25-32)



THE OLDER SON

- **The older son is a hard worker**

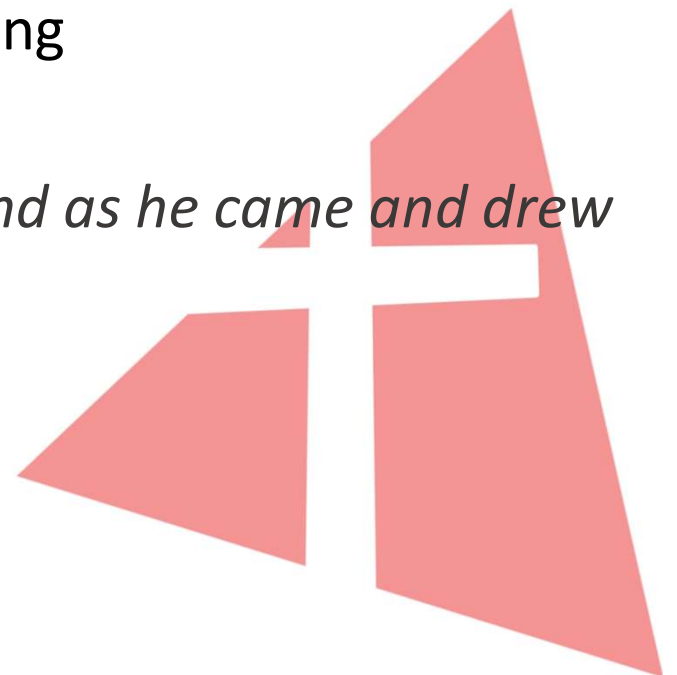
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THE OLDER SON

- **The older son limits life to work**
 - Music and dancing don't "result" in anything

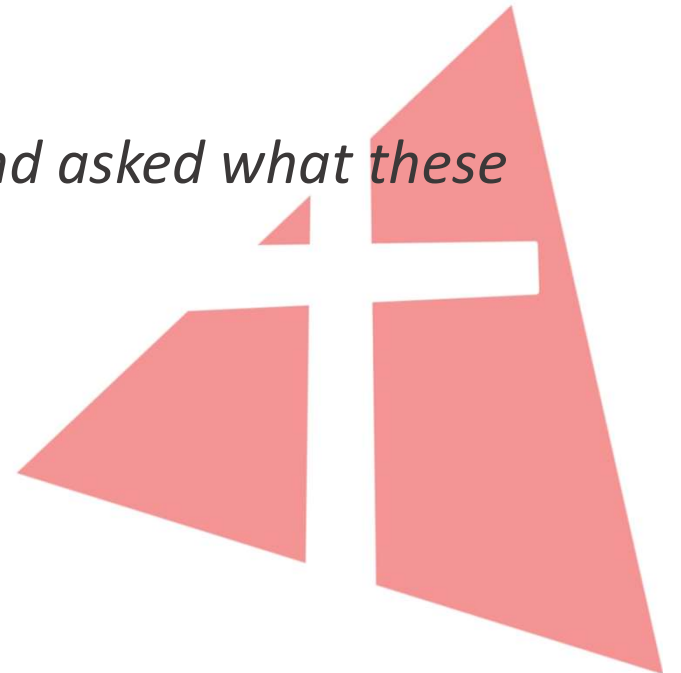
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THE SON'S INQUIRY

- **The son doesn't call the father, but a servant**

Luke 15:26 And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.



THE SON'S WORLD FALLS APART

○ The bad news

- The younger brother stands for everything that older brother hates

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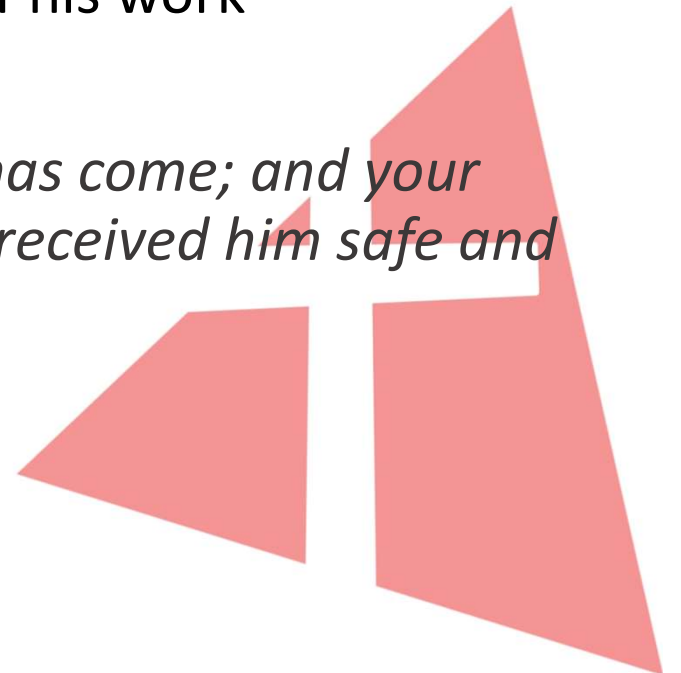


THE SON'S WORLD FALLS APART

- **The bad news**

- The fatted calf was the older son's proof of his work

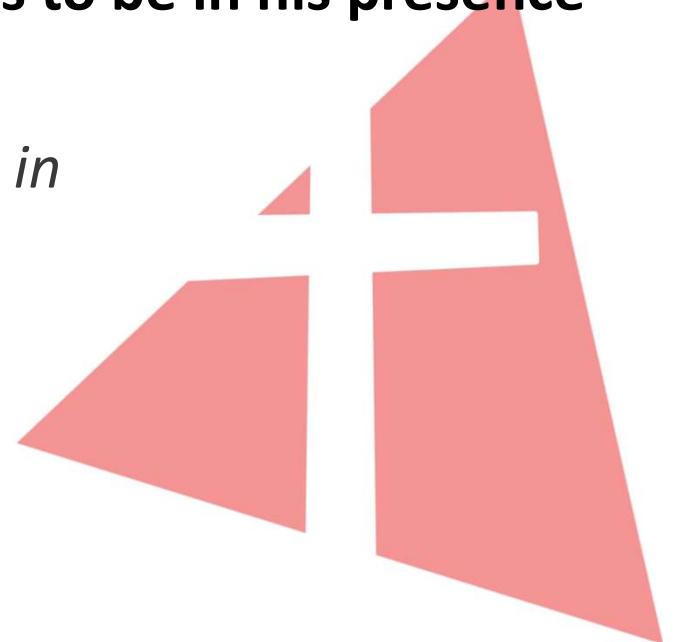
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THE SON'S ANGER

- **The son disagrees with the father and refuses to be in his presence**

Luke 15:28 And he was angry, and would not go in



THE FATHER'S RESPONSE

- **The father doesn't reject this son either**

- All the time the younger son was in the far country, the father was waiting for him
- All this time the older son is slaving, the father has been wanting to restore him too

therefore his father came out, and entreated him.



THE SON'S VALUES

○ The son's false belief system

- Service
- Obedience

Luke 15:29-30 And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years have I served you, neither transgressed I at any time your commandment:



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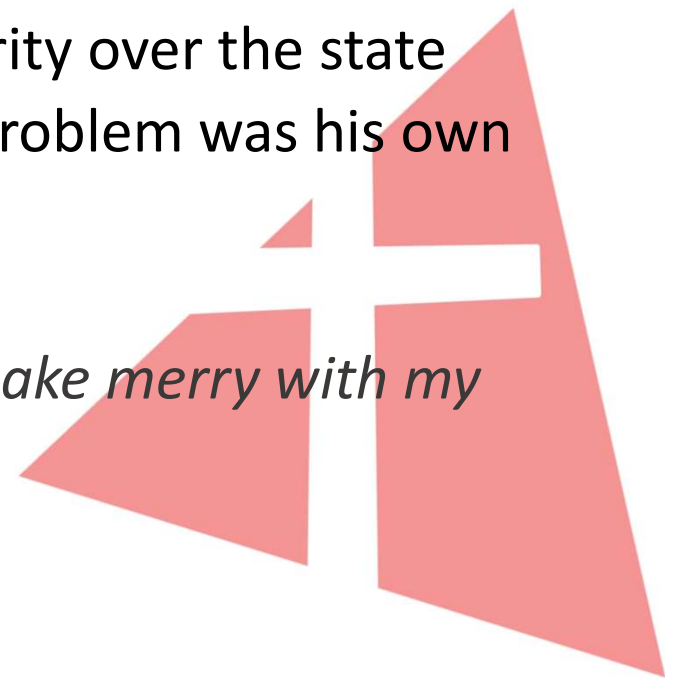
- **The son's false belief system**

- The father doesn't give him anything

- **Reality**

- The son had full ownership and full authority over the state
- The father wasn't withholding, the son's problem was his own heart and false belief system

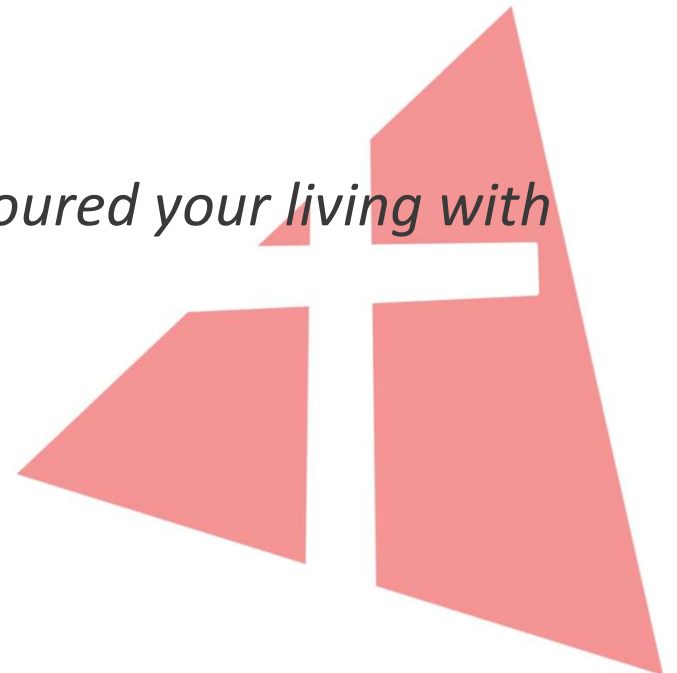
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THE SON'S VALUES

- **The son's false belief system**
 - The son's hatred

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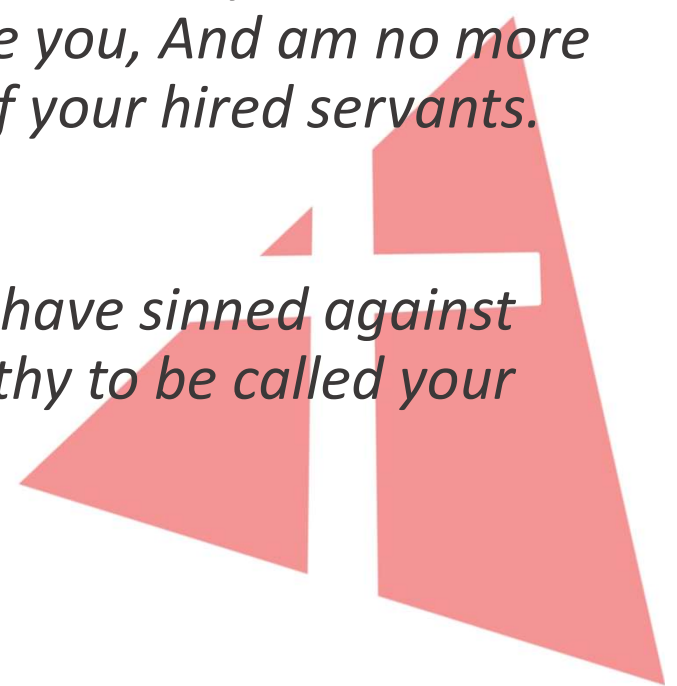
THE SON'S VALUES

- **How did he become like this?**

Luke 15:18-19 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before you, And am no more worthy to be called your son: make me as one of your hired servants.

...

Luke 15:21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight, and am no more worthy to be called your son.



THE LOVE OF THE FATHER

○ The father's response

- Reasoning

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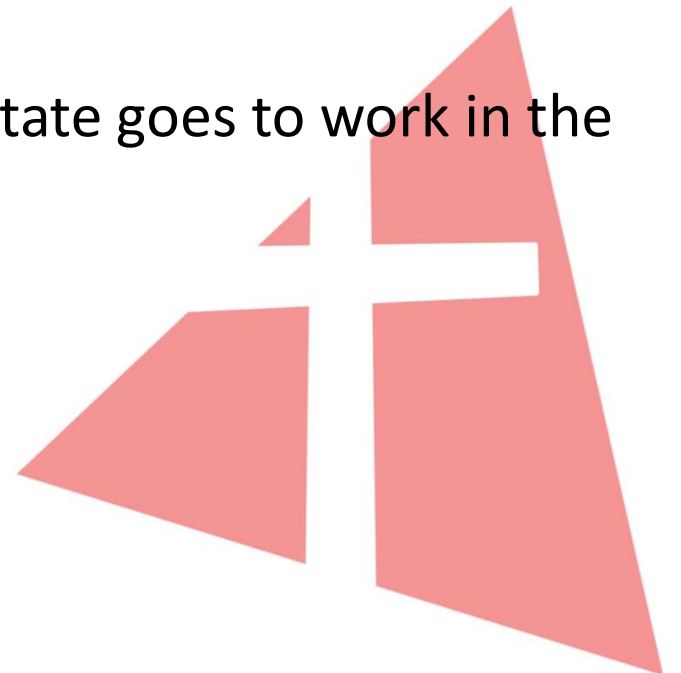
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THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

- **What will happen next?**

- Just imagine: One week later the whole estate goes to work in the field together



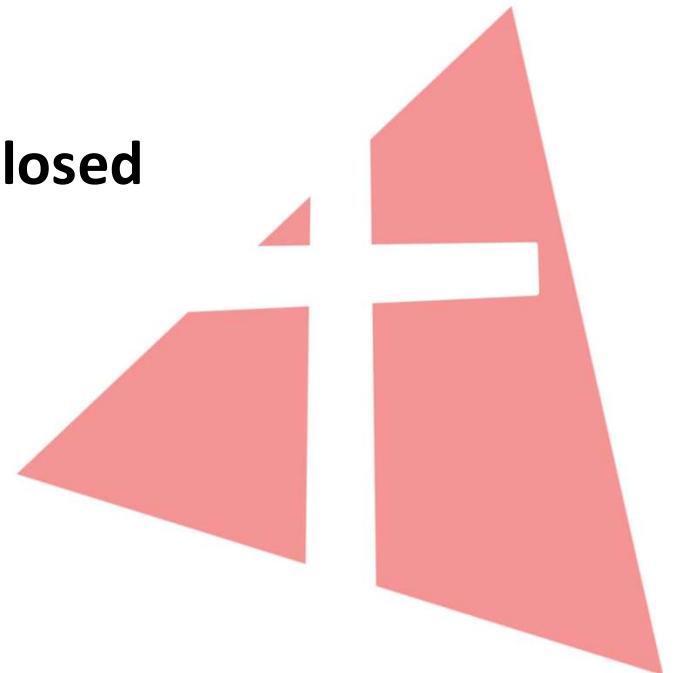
THE 2 BROTHERS

- **The younger son becomes a gateway for the older son to come back to the father**



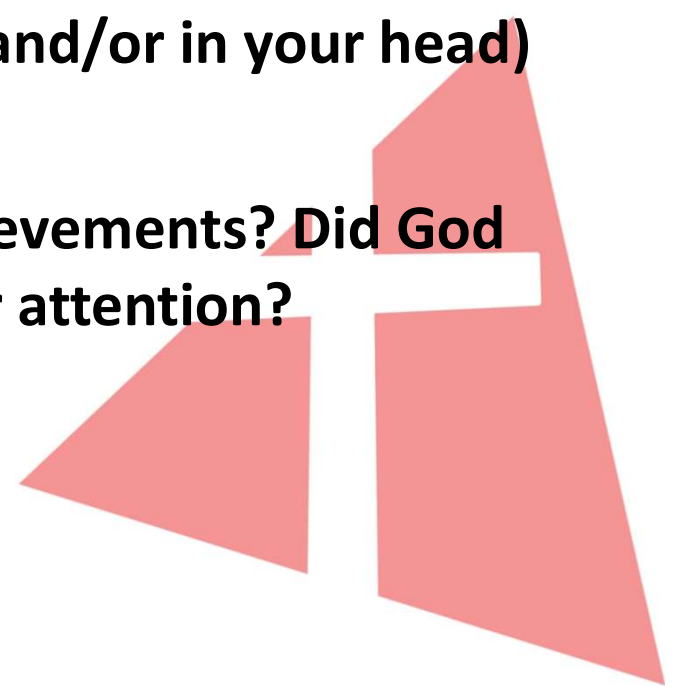
THE FATHER

- **Love towards those whose hearts are open**
 - Those who acknowledge their sinfulness
- **Reasoning towards those whose hearts are closed**
 - Those who are self righteous



WHERE ARE YOU IN THIS STORY?

- Do you try to get God's approval by "doing good"?
- Do you talk more "about God" (with others and/or in your head) than with God?
- Do you put part of your identity in your achievements? Did God ever destroy those achievements to get your attention?



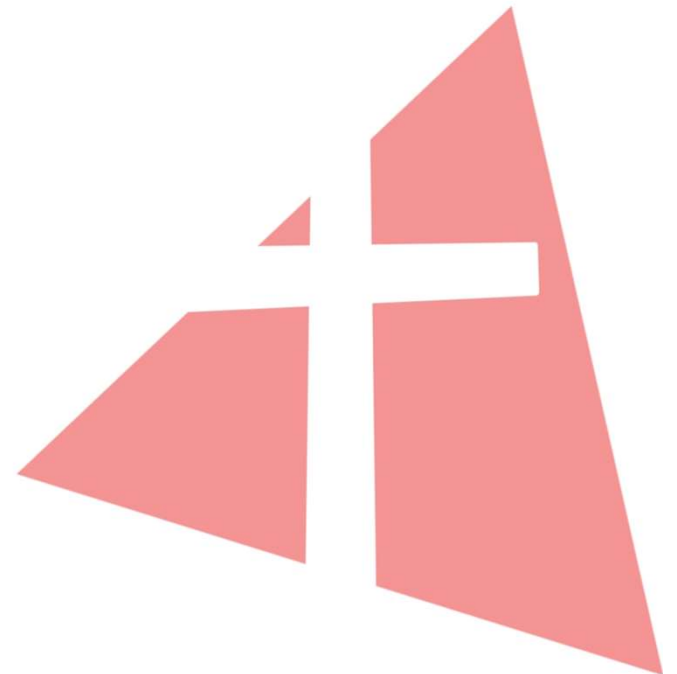
WHERE ARE YOU IN THIS STORY?

- Are you angry with God, because of what He did/allowed?
- Do you think God treats others better than He treats you?
- Do you think God is withholding from you?



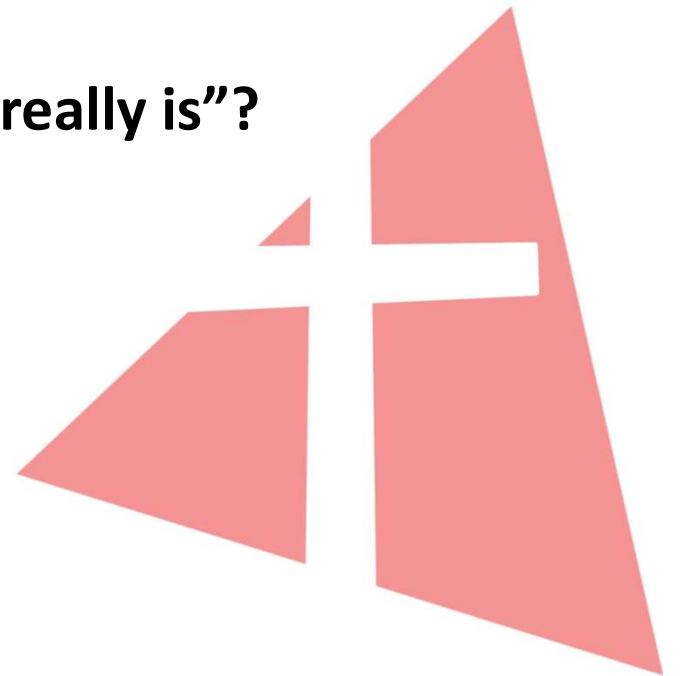
WHERE ARE YOU IN THIS STORY?

- Do you blame God and others?
- Do you look down on others?



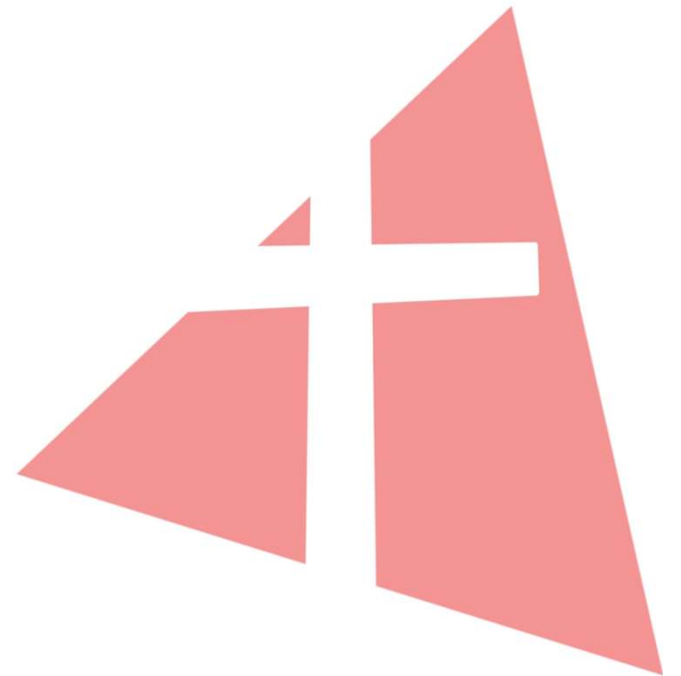
THE FATHER'S HEART

- Do you need a fresh revelation of “who God really is”?



THE COMMUNITY

- Love is contagious



COME HOME

- **The Father is waiting**
- **Simply open your heart**

