

THREE LIVES ONE THREAD

A ROADMAP TO
WHOLENESS,
HOLINESS, AND
BELONGING



DO I ACTUALLY BELIEVE I
AM LOVED...

AND DO I
TRUST IT?



WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

Belonging

Not something you earn.

Something you either receive or resist.

Holiness

Not perfection.

Being set apart in love.

Wholeness

Not having it together.

Being fully known and still held.



THREE LIVES

One

THREAD

WE TURN AWAY

WE TURN
TOWARD

BUT IT IS
ALREADY OURS



THE STORY
OF JOB

The Accusation

Job 1:6-12

6 One day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them.

7 The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it."

8 Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

9 "**Does Job fear God for nothing?**" Satan replied.

10 "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land.

11 But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

12 The Lord said to Satan, "**Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.**"

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God's Response

Job 2:1-7

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4 "Skin for skin!" Satan replied. **"A man will give all he has for his own life.**

5 But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, **and he will surely curse you to your face."**

6 The Lord said to Satan, **"Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life."**

7 So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head.

KEY
Points

**GOD DOES NOT
CONTROL**

**GOD ALLOWS
AUTONOMY**

**GOD REMAINS
PRESENT**

Reality...

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What Job says

Job 3:11

"Why did I not perish at birth, and die as I came from the womb?"

Job 7:17-18 (NIV)

"What is mankind that you make so much of them, that you give them so much attention, that you examine them every morning and test them every moment?"

Job 10:1-3 (NIV)

"I loathe my very life; therefore I will give free rein to my complaint and speak out in the bitterness of my soul. I say to God: Do not declare me guilty, but tell me what charges you have against me. Does it please you to oppress me...?"

Job 13:3 (NIV)

"But I desire to speak to the Almighty and to argue my case with God."

Job 13:15 (NIV)

"Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him..."

Job 23:3-5 (NIV)

"If only I knew where to find him; if only I could go to his dwelling! I would state my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments."

Job 42:2-3 (NIV)

"I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. Surely I spoke of things I did not understand..."

God responds

Job 38:1-3

Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: "Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me."

Job 38:4

"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand."

Job 38:25-27

"Who cuts a channel for the torrents of rain, and a path for the thunderstorm, to water a land where no one lives, an uninhabited desert, to satisfy a desolate wasteland and make it sprout with grass?"

Job 40:8

"Would you discredit my justice? Would you condemn me to justify yourself?"

Then he says.....

Job 42:7

7 After the Lord had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has."



What Eliphaz says

Job 4:7-8

7 "Consider now: Who, being innocent, has ever perished?

Where were the upright ever destroyed?

8 As I have observed, those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it."

Job 5:17

17 "Blessed is the one whom God corrects;
so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty."

Job 15:5-6

5 "Your sin prompts your mouth; you adopt the tongue of the crafty.

6 Your own mouth condemns you, not mine; your own lips testify against you."

Job 22:5-7 (false accusations)

5 "Is not your wickedness great?

Are not your sins endless?

6 You demanded security from your relatives for no reason;
you stripped people of their clothing, leaving them naked."



**SATAN SPEAKS AT
THE BEGINNING**

**GOD REMAINS
PRESENT**

**BELONGING
NEVER CHANGED**

KEY
Points

BUT WAIT....

WHAT DOES IT MEAN
TO BE HUMAN?

To feel

To grieve

To question

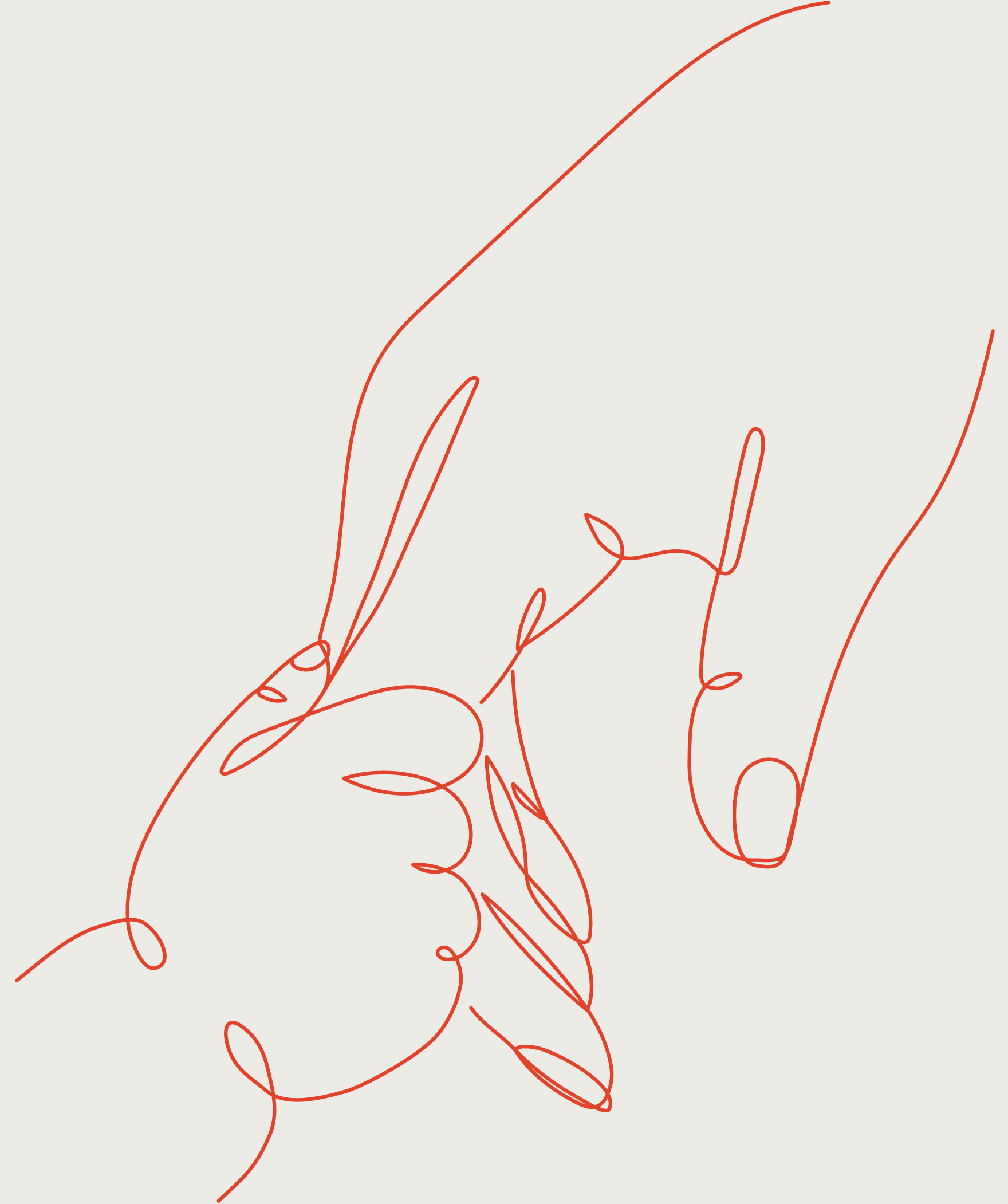
To rest

To need

To set boundaries

To love

To be accountable



THE PRODIGAL

SON

The Leaving

Luke 15:12-13

12 The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the estate." So he divided his property between them.

13 Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

Luke 15:14-16

14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.

16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

Luke 15:17-19

17 When he came to his senses, he said,

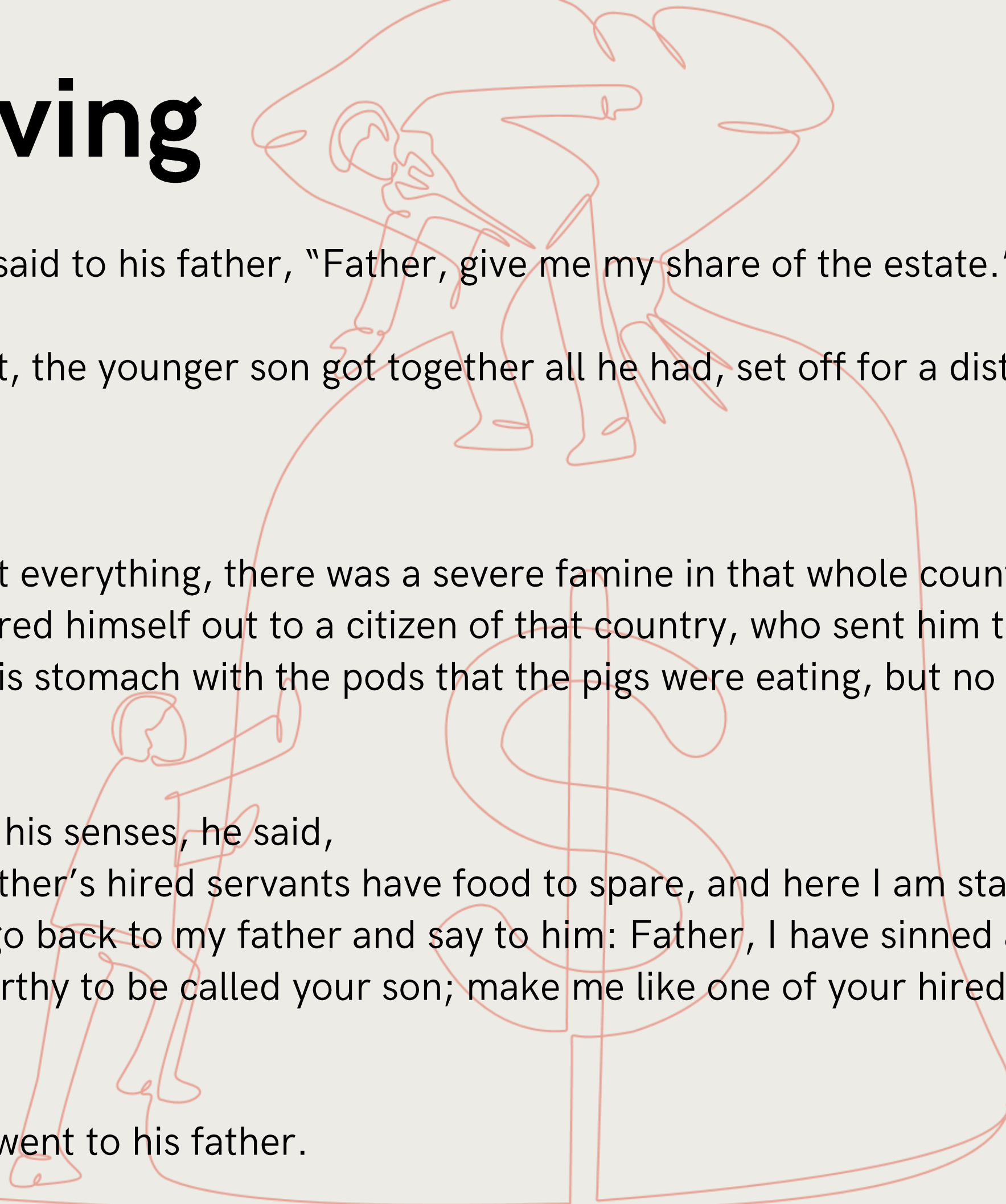
"How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants."

Luke 15:20

20 So he got up and went to his father.



The Return

Luke 15:20

20 So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

Luke 15:21

21 The son said to him,

“Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”

Luke 15:22-24

22 But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate.

24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” So they began to celebrate.

Luke 15:31

31 “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.’”

The Older Brother...

Luke 15:25-28

25 "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.

26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.

27 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

28 The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.

Luke 15:29-30

29 But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.

30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

Luke 15:31-32

31 "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

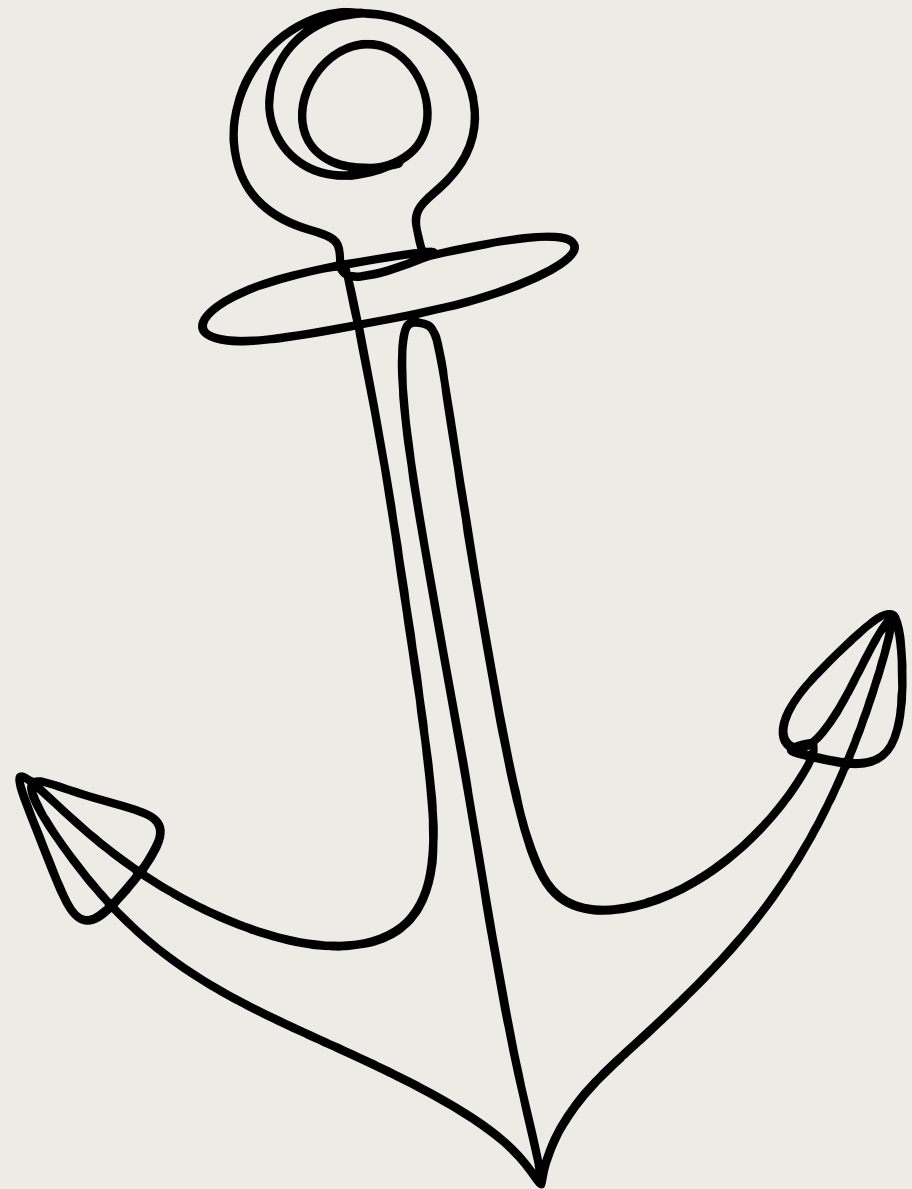
32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

THE TRUTH

LUKE 15:31

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EVERYTHING I HAVE IS YOURS.' "

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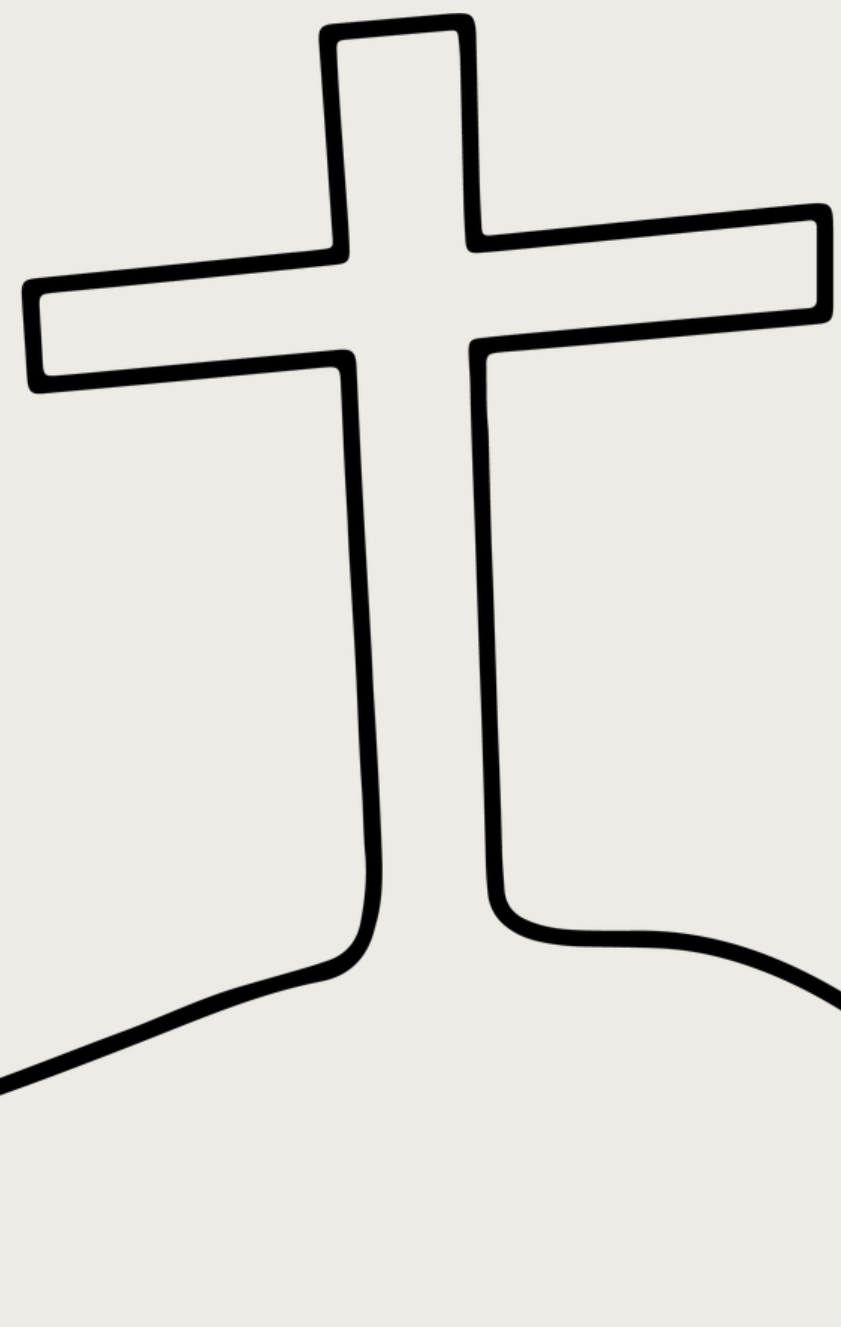


ONE RAN → SHAME

ONE STAYED → JUDGMENT

BOTH RESISTED BELONGING

THE FATHER NEVER MOVED



THE LIFE OF

JESUS

Who is Jesus?

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 14:9

Jesus answered: "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."

John 10:30

"I and the Father are one."

John 5:22

Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,

John 5:26-27

For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

John 12:47

"If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world."



JESUS

Felt Fully & Wept

JOHN 11:33-35

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

"Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

Jesus wept.

JESUS

Grieved/

questioned

MATTHEW 27:46

About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

JESUS

Rested

MARK 4:38

Jesus was in the stern,
sleeping on a cushion.
The disciples woke him
and said to him,
"Teacher, don't you
care if we drown?"

JESUS

Invited

Rest

Mark 6:31

Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

JESUS

Withdrew

LUKE 5:16

But Jesus often
withdrew to lonely
places and prayed.

JESUS

Set Boundaries

MARK 1:38

Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else, to the nearby villages, so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."

JESUS

did not

control

Mark 10:18-23

18 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone.

19 You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'

20 "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

22 At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

JESUS

Named

Betrayal

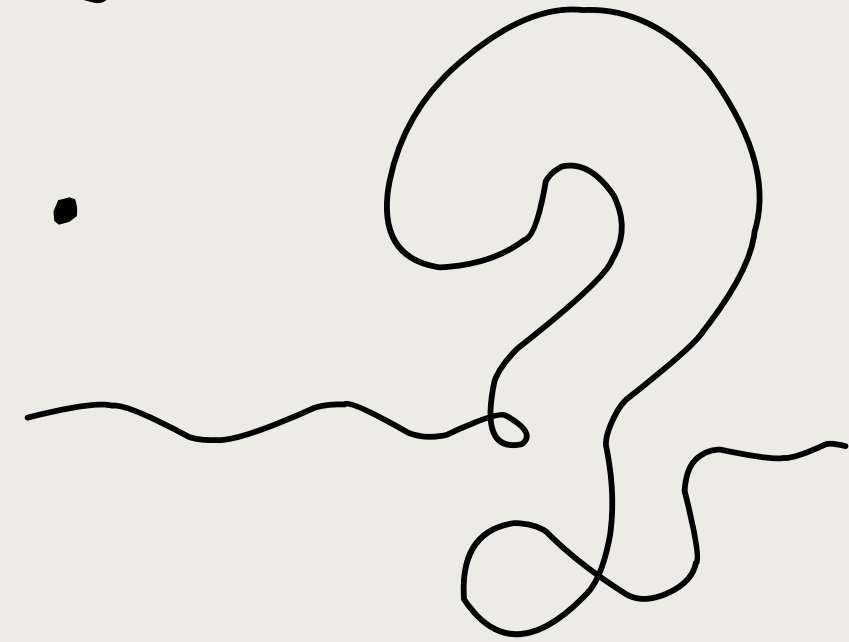
JOHN 13:21

After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me."

IN THE IMAGE
OF GOD



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OR ARE WE STILL TRYING TO EARN WHAT HAS
ALREADY BEEN GIVEN?

AND DO WE TRUST IT ENOUGH TO COME HOME?

VINCENT'S TALE ACT III