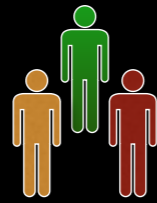


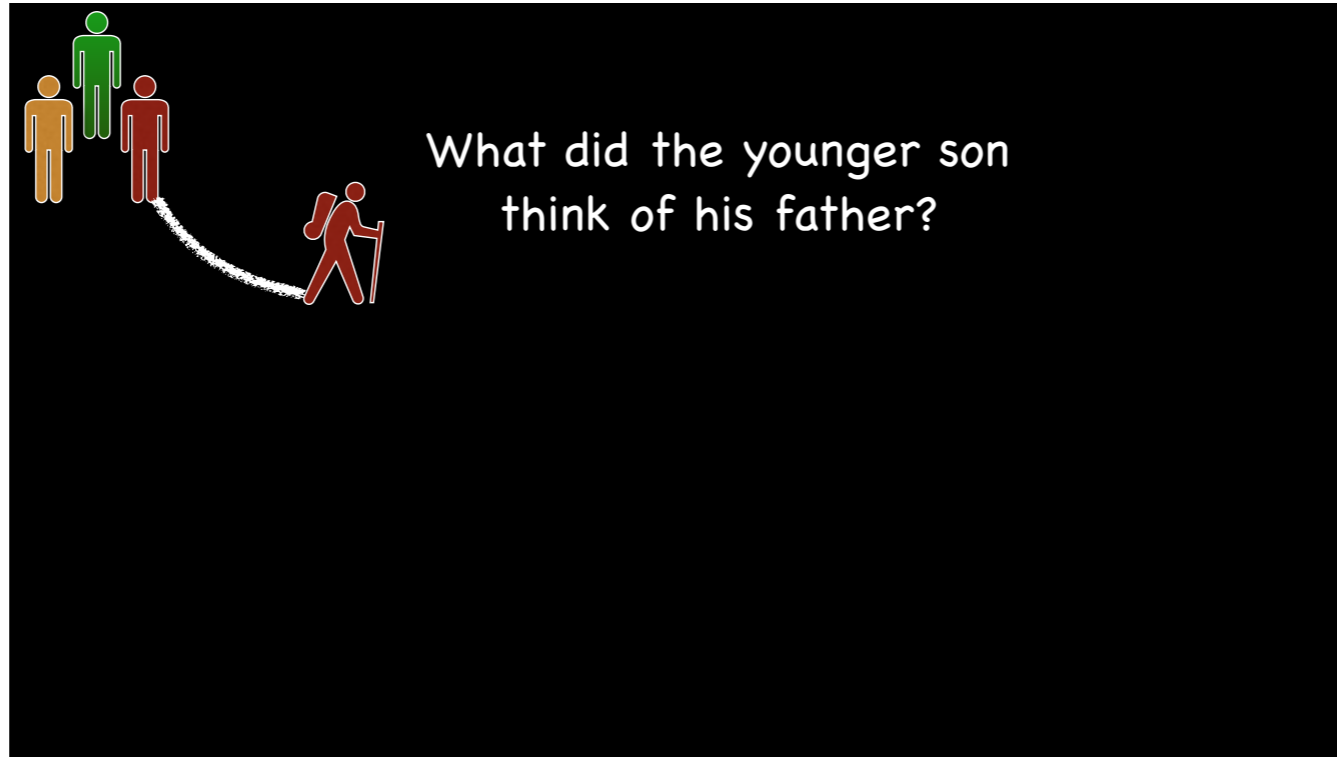


- Basic Foundation... repentance

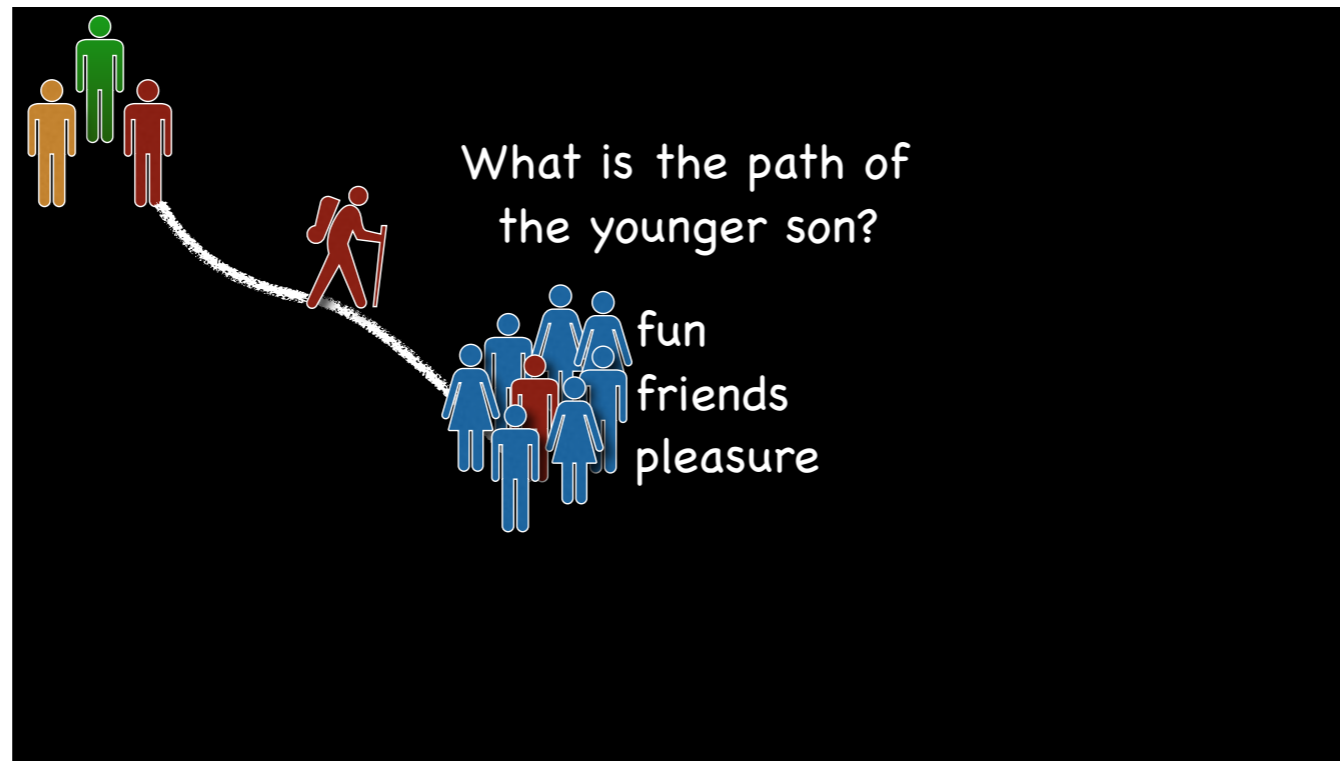


Why did the younger son  
want to leave his home?

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  - The text is silent, so perhaps not important
  - Speculate... that he thought there was something better “out there”.
  - More fun than work?
  - Freedom?

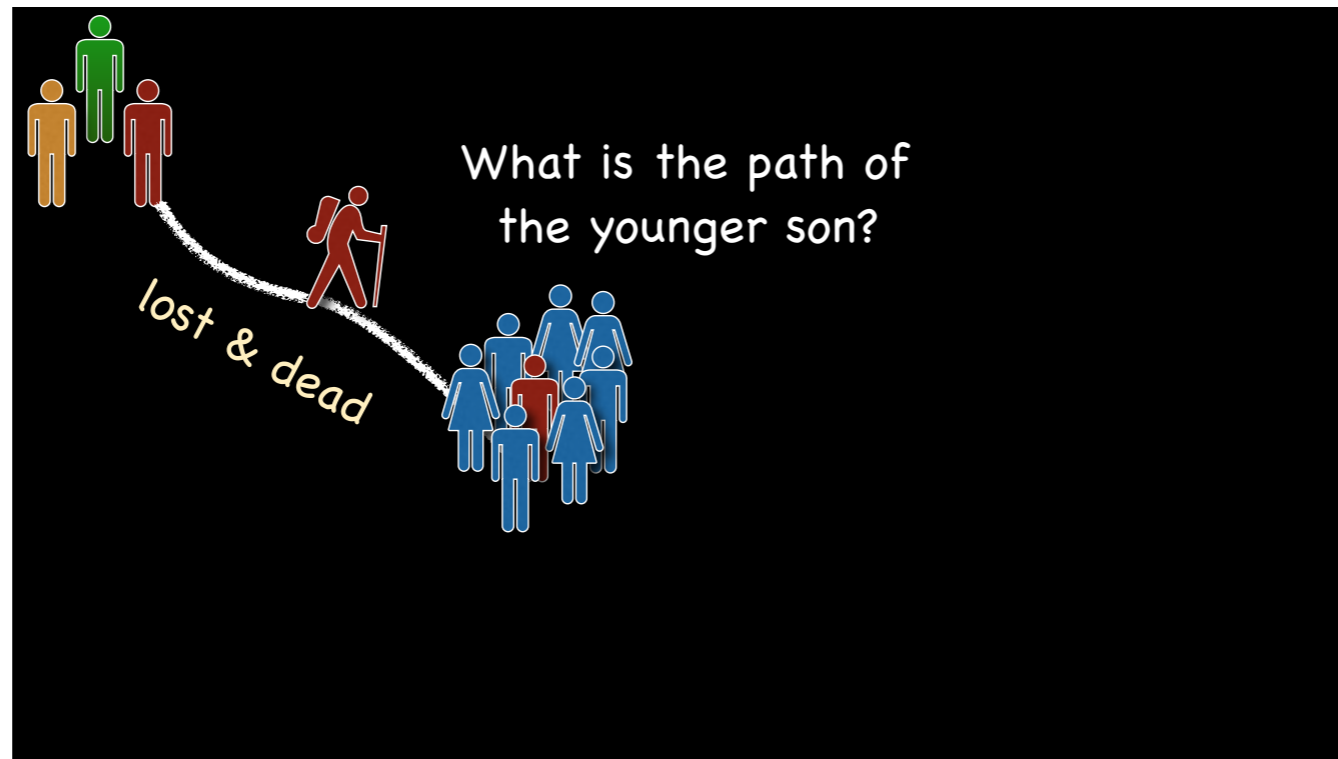


- What did the younger son think of his father?
  - Speculative again
  - didn't respect his wisdom?
  - old fuddy-duddy?
  - didn't respect wishes of father?
  - felt restrained?
- Was he rebellious? naive? looking to world?

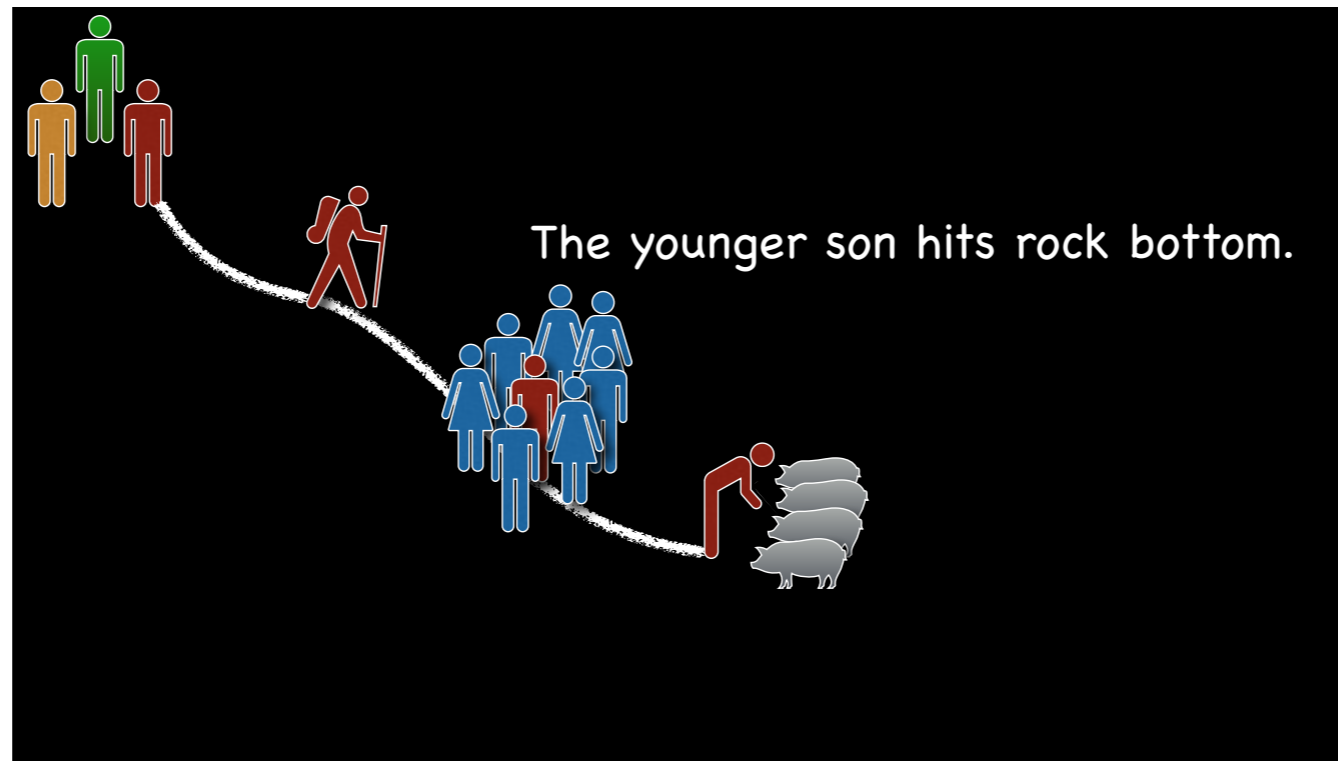


- What is the path of the younger son?
  - fun, friends, pleasure (plenty of money)

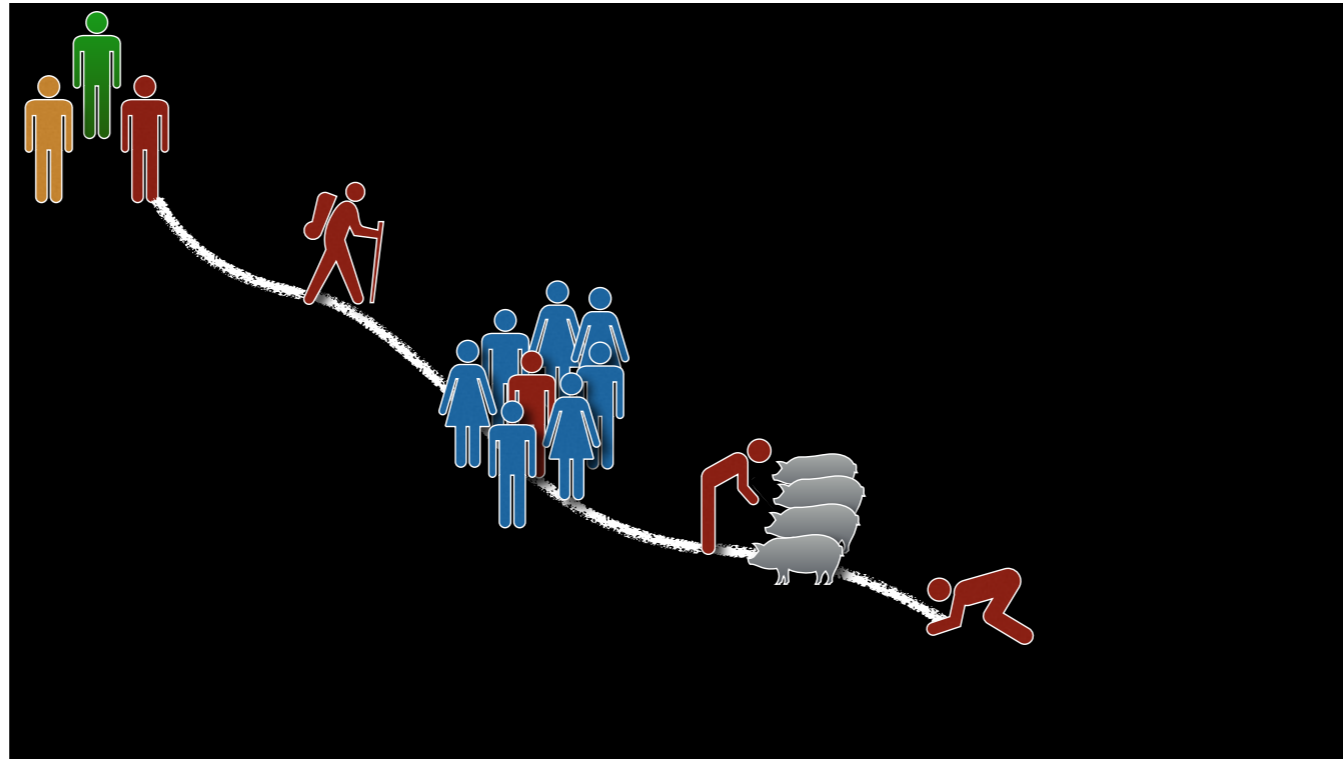




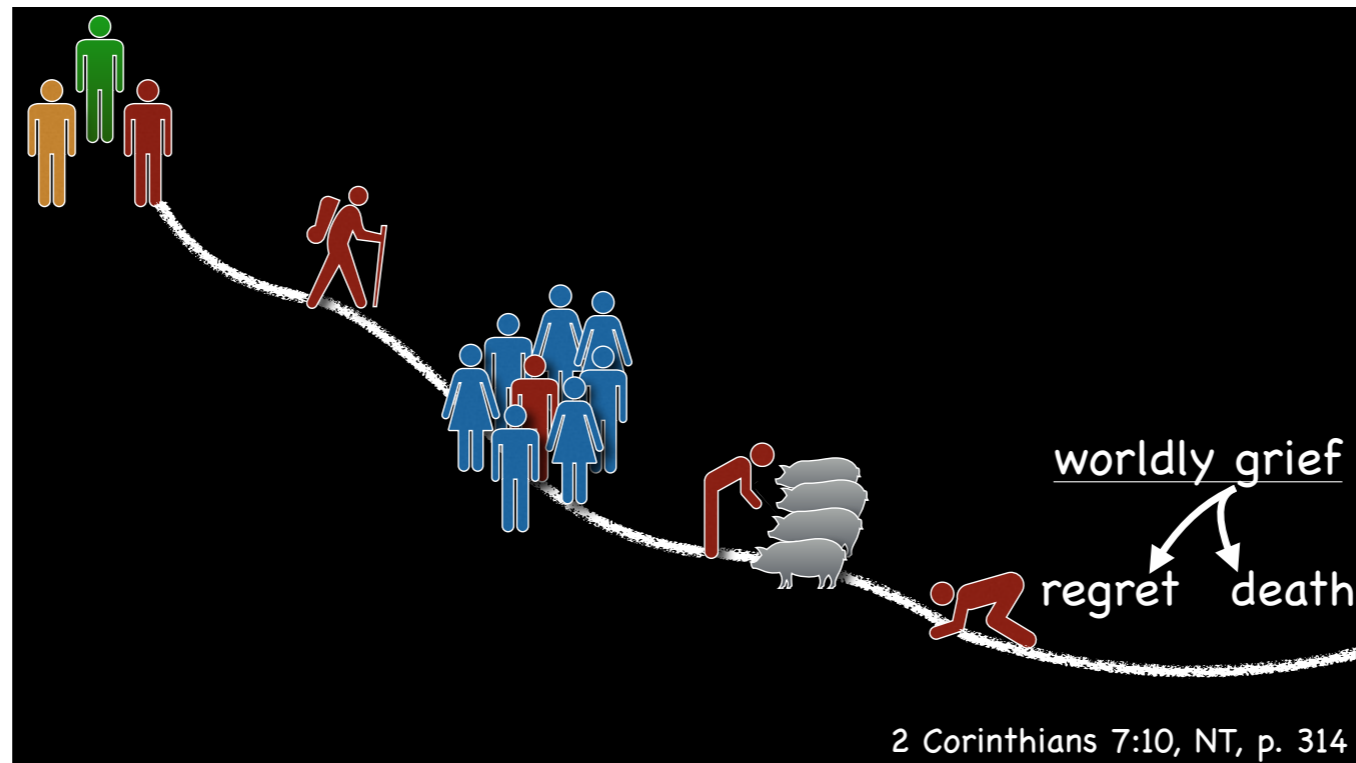
- He's really making a choice
  - he's pleasing himself, fitting in with the world
  - he's rejecting his father (although he wouldn't think of it or say it that way)
    - "I can go home whenever I like"
    - Further and further from father
    - Path is of being lost, and death
    - Closer to destruction



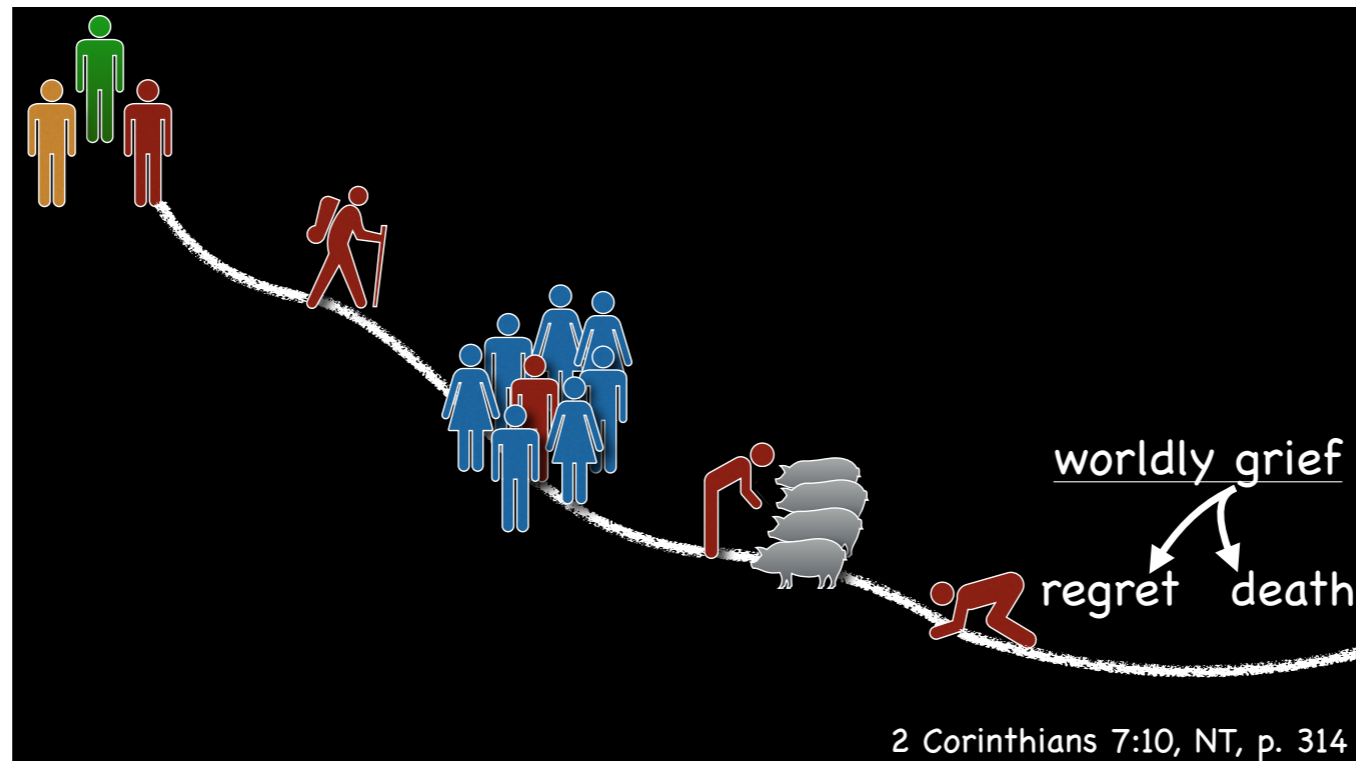
- Rock Bottom
  - His chosen path has shown to be an utter failure.



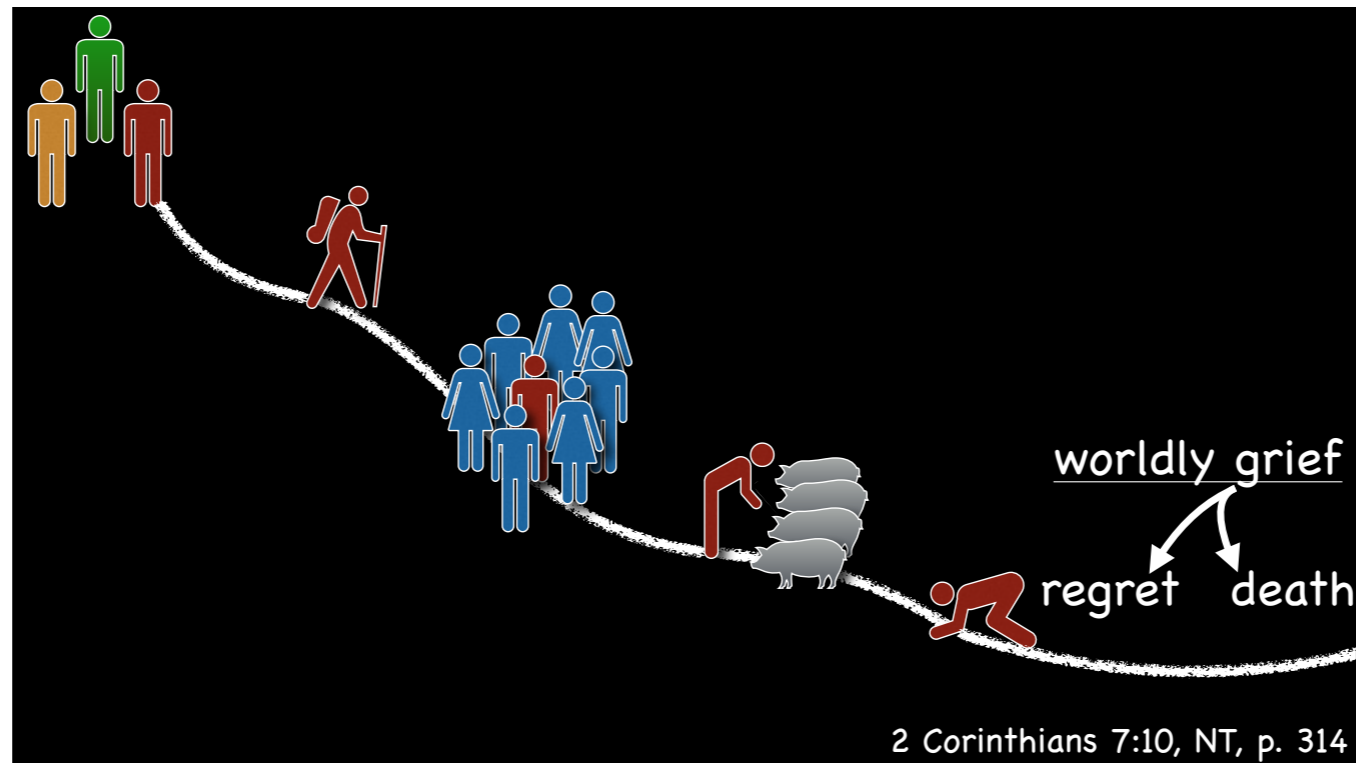
- Grief? Sorrow? Disappointment?
- What's next?



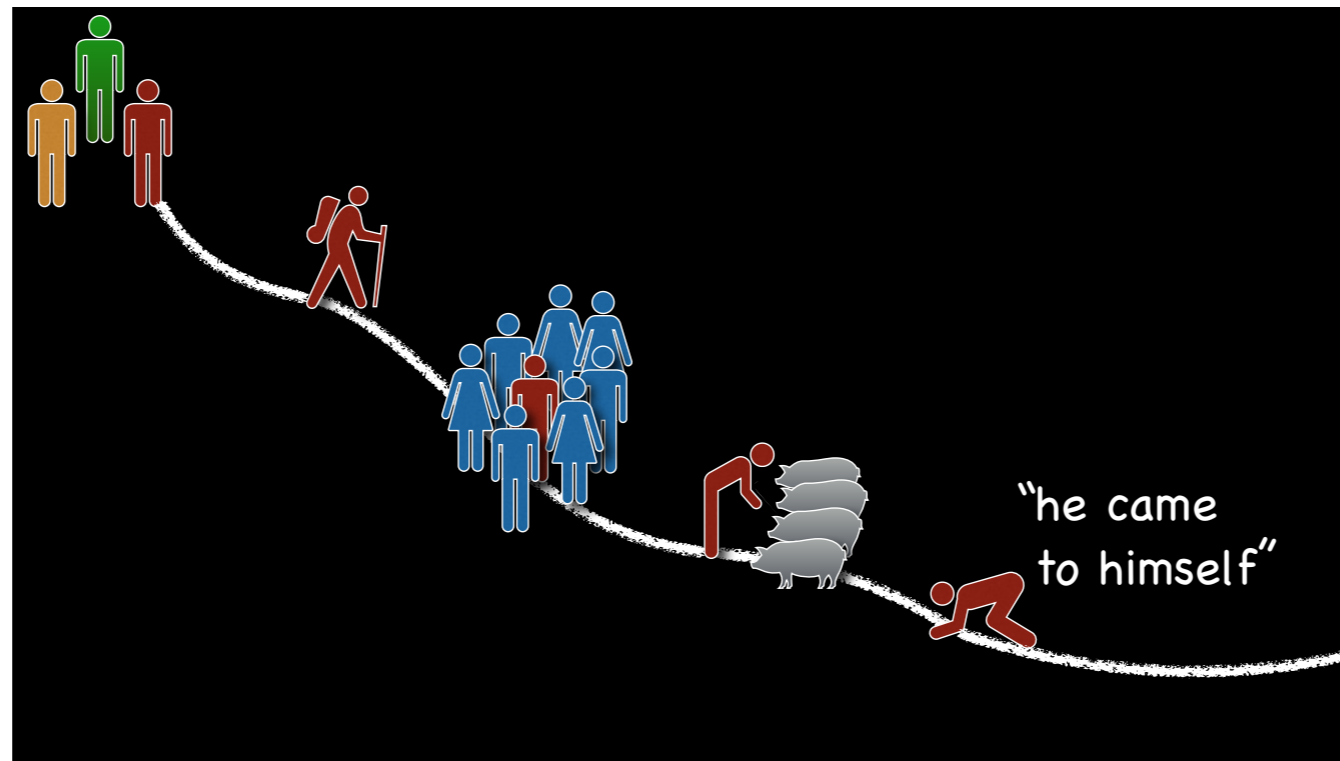
- 2 Corinthians 7:10 (ESV) 10 For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without **regret**, whereas worldly grief produces death.
- Trench: When there was a difference made, metanoia was the better word, which does not properly signify the sorrow for having done amiss, but something that is nobler than it, but brought in at the gate of sorrow.



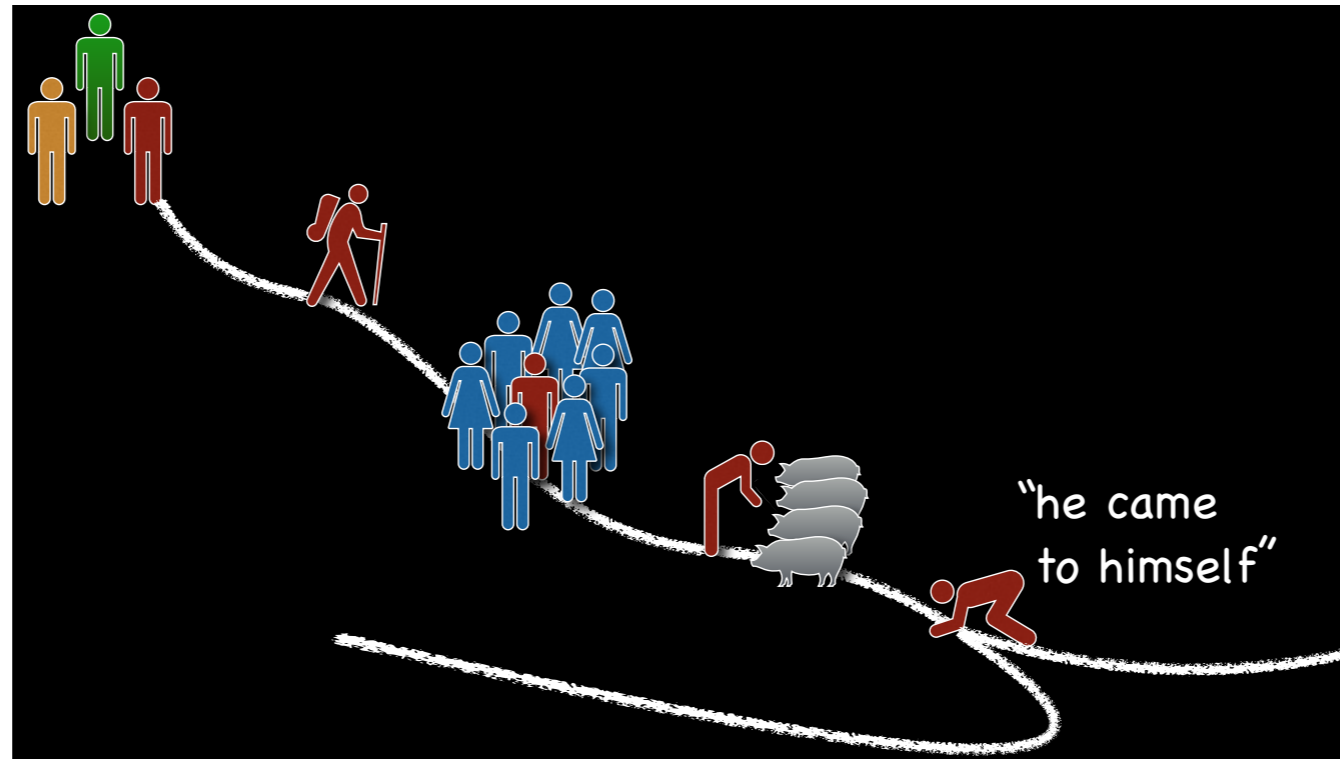
- Grow hard hearted
- Keep thinking that he's actually alright (in spite of evidence).
  - Things will get better soon...
- Keep on thinking poorly of father



- How does he continue to think of his father?
  - Hardhearted?
  - Bitter?
  - Refusal to go home?

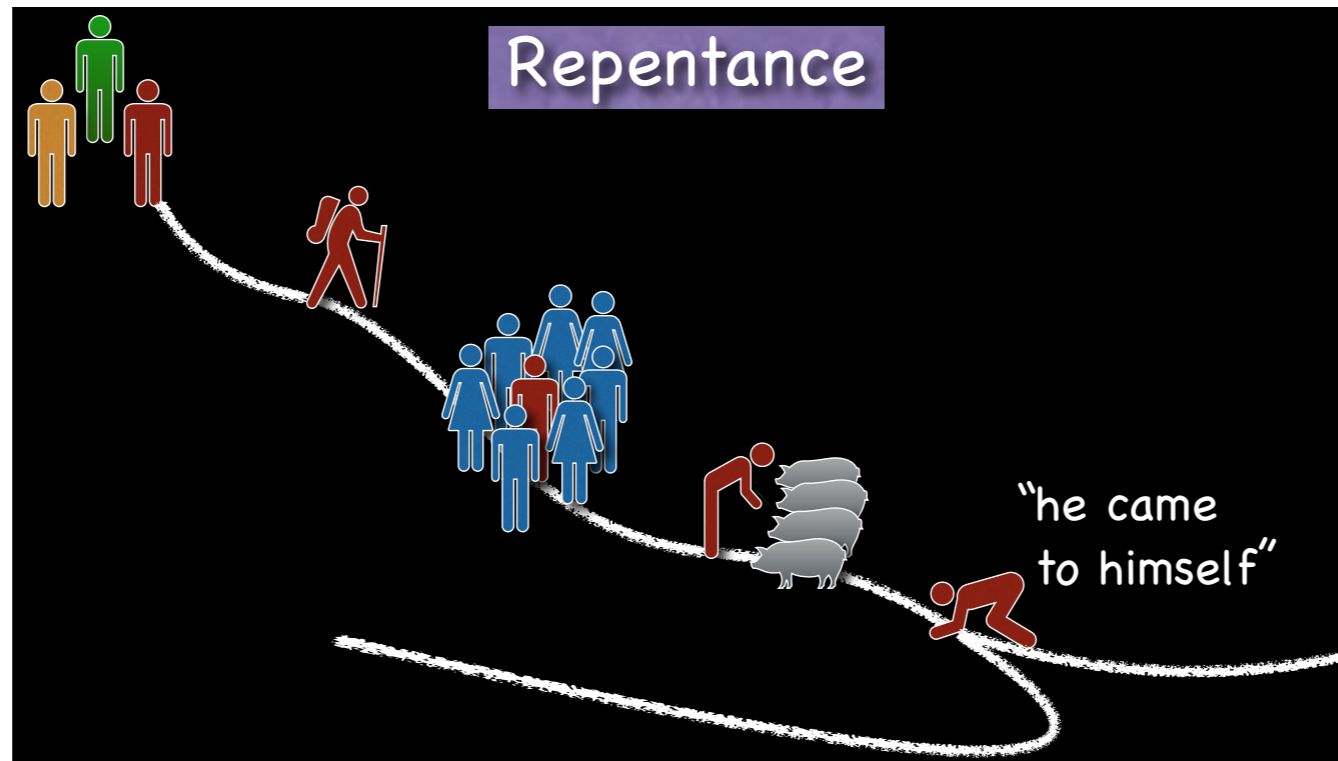


- 17: he came to himself

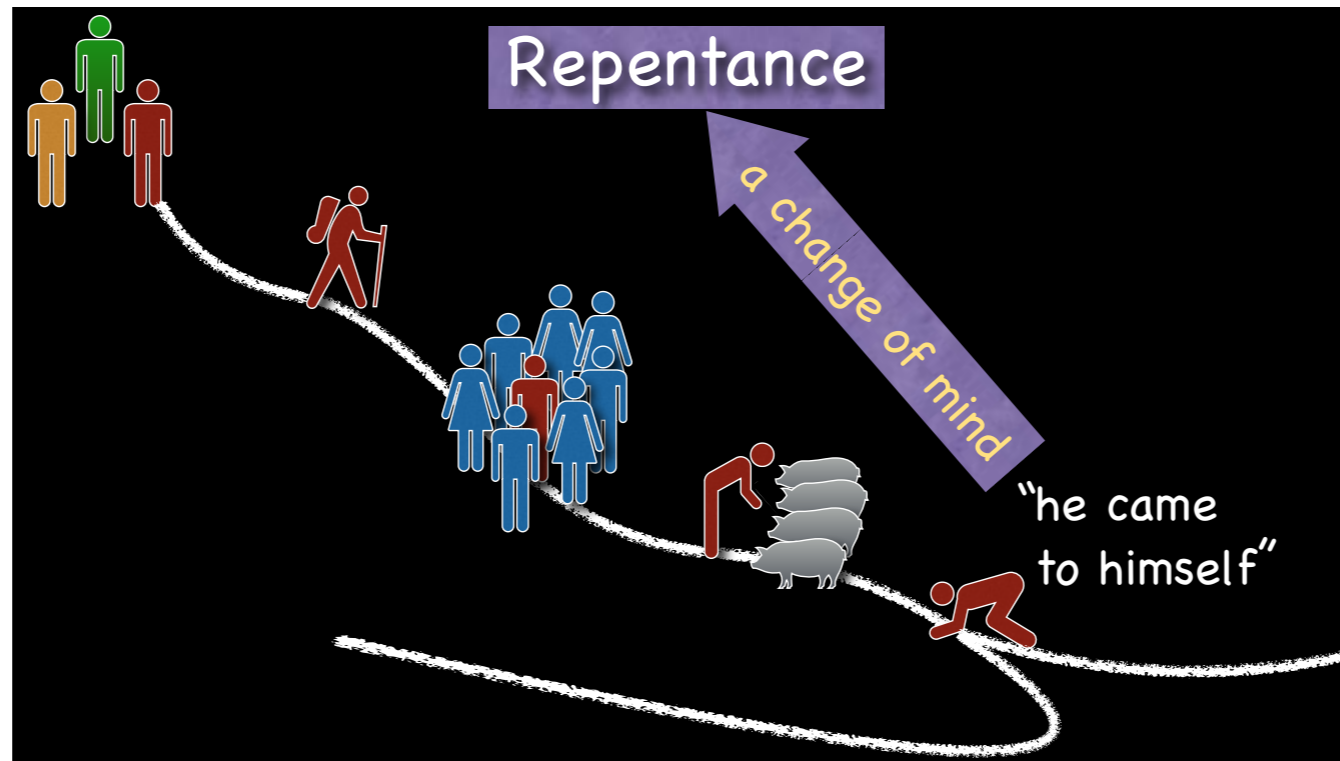


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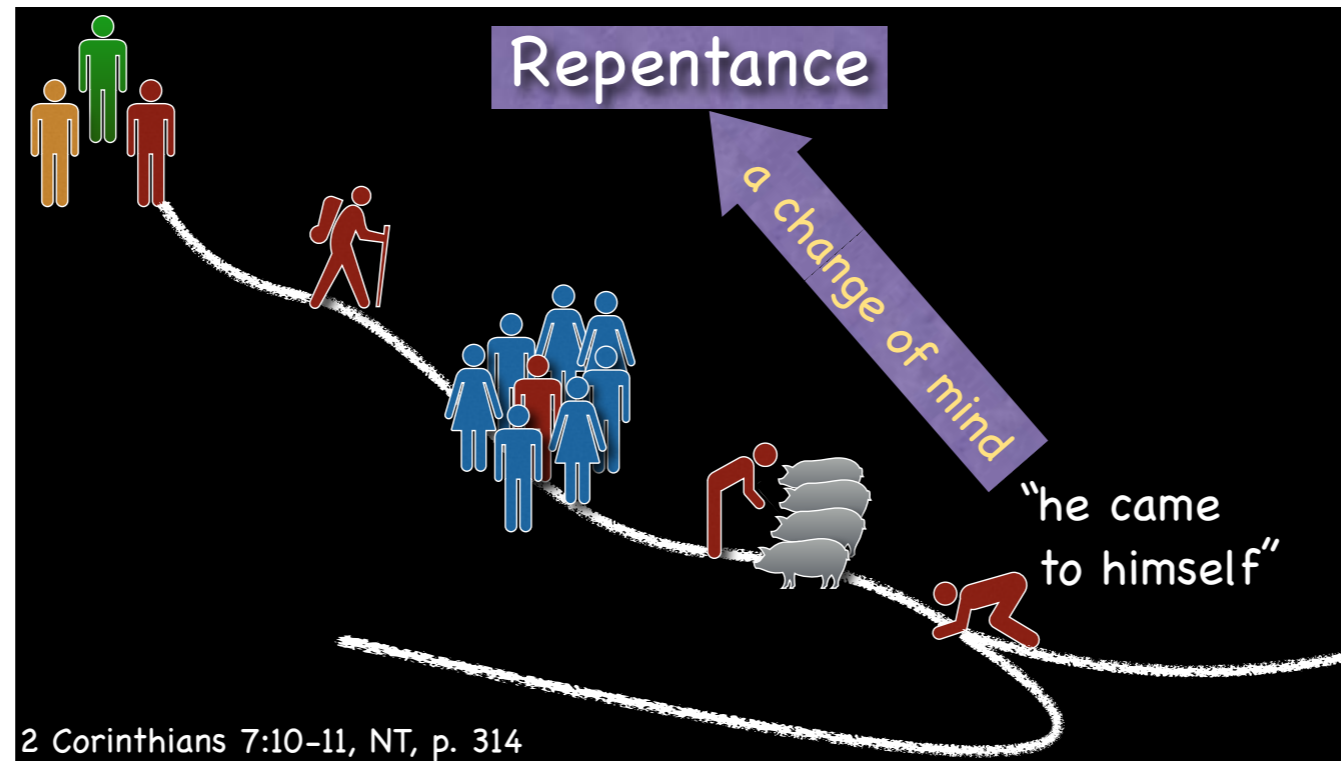




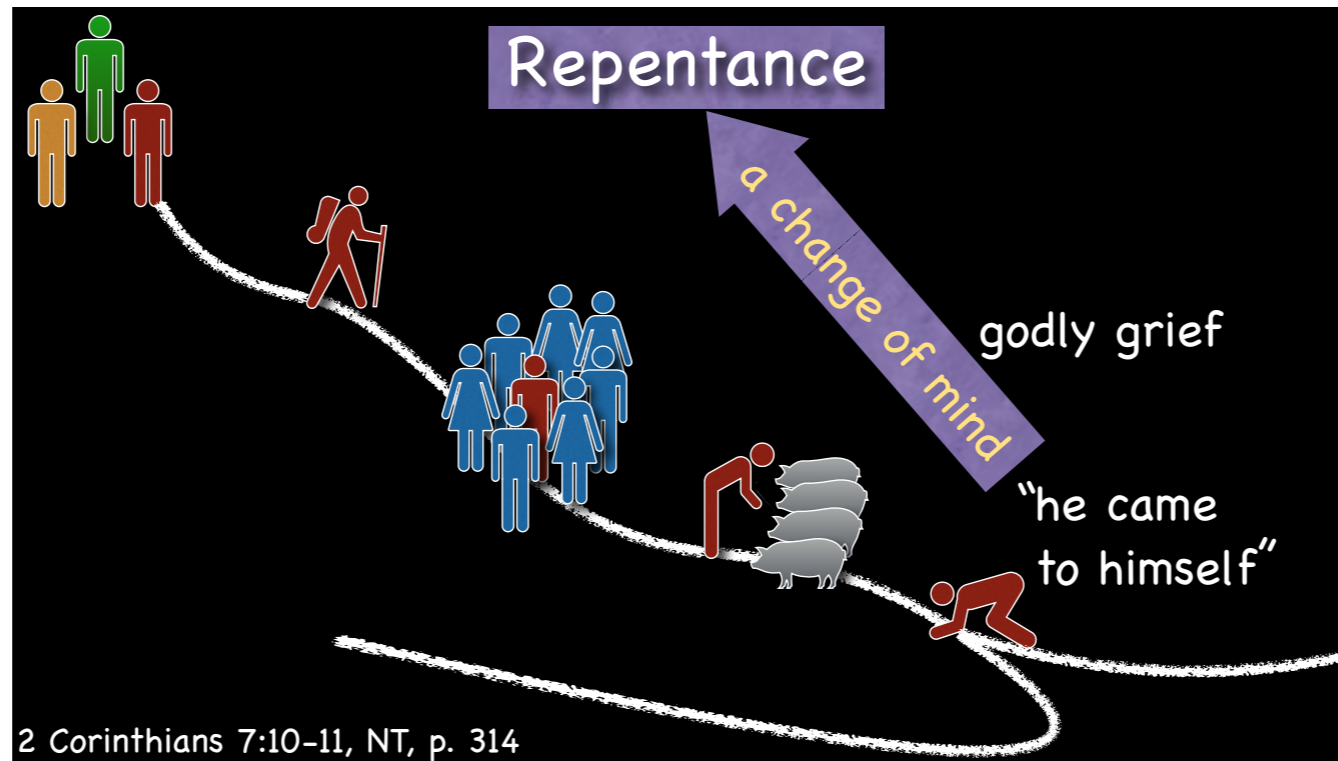
- Repentance
  - Thayer: a change of mind
  - (Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary) this change of mind involves both a turning from sin and a turning to God.
  - Trench: a thorough change of the heart and soul, of the life and actions



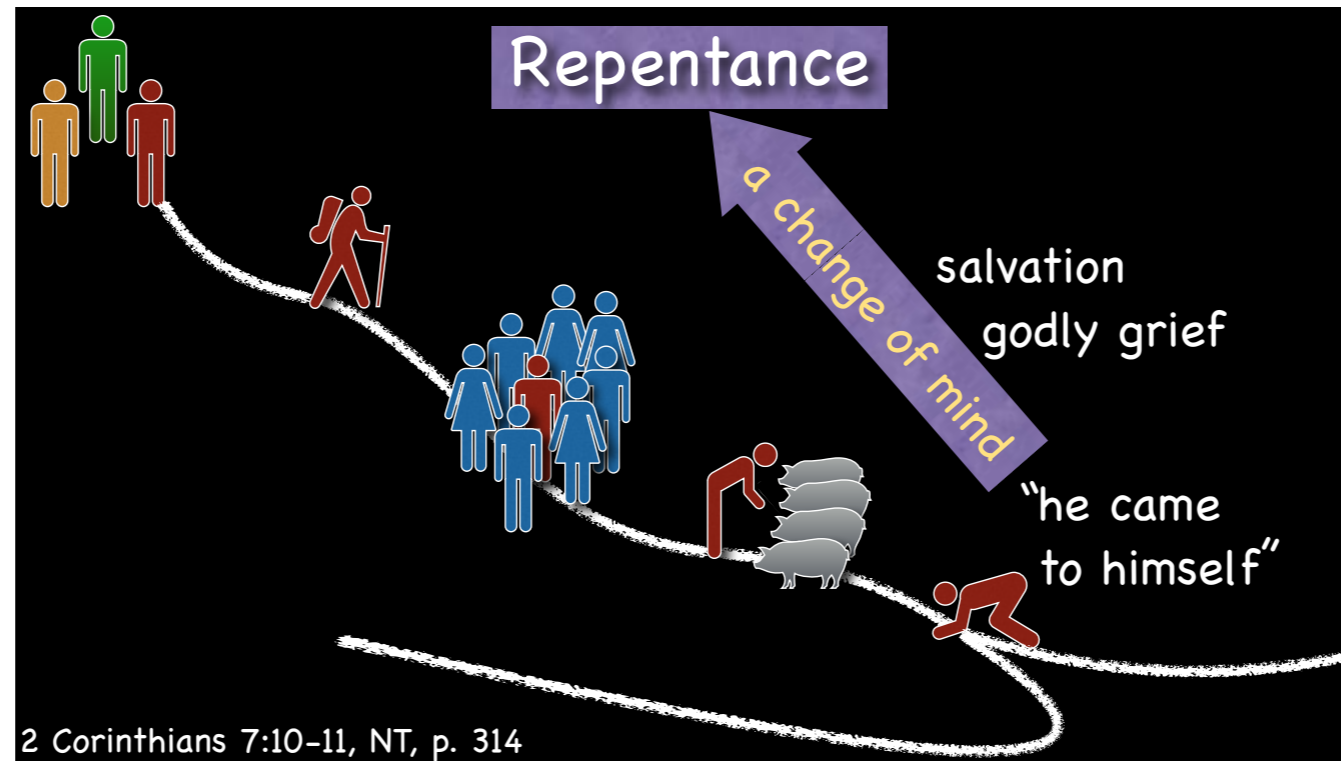
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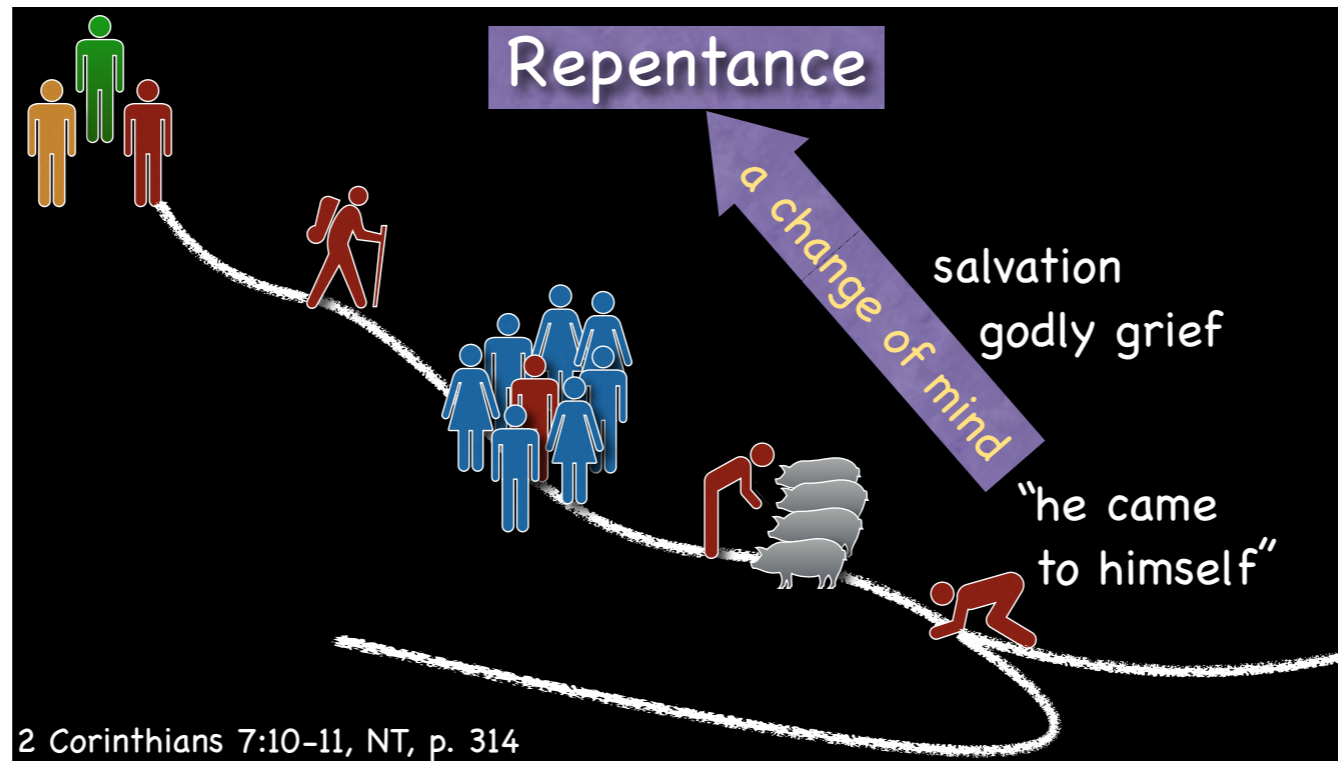
- 2 Corinthians 7:8-13 (ESV Strong's) 8 For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it—though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. 9 As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. 10 For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. 11 For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter. 12 So although I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of the one who did the wrong, nor for the sake of the one who suffered the wrong, but in order that your earnestness for us might be revealed to you in the sight of God. 13 Therefore we are comforted.



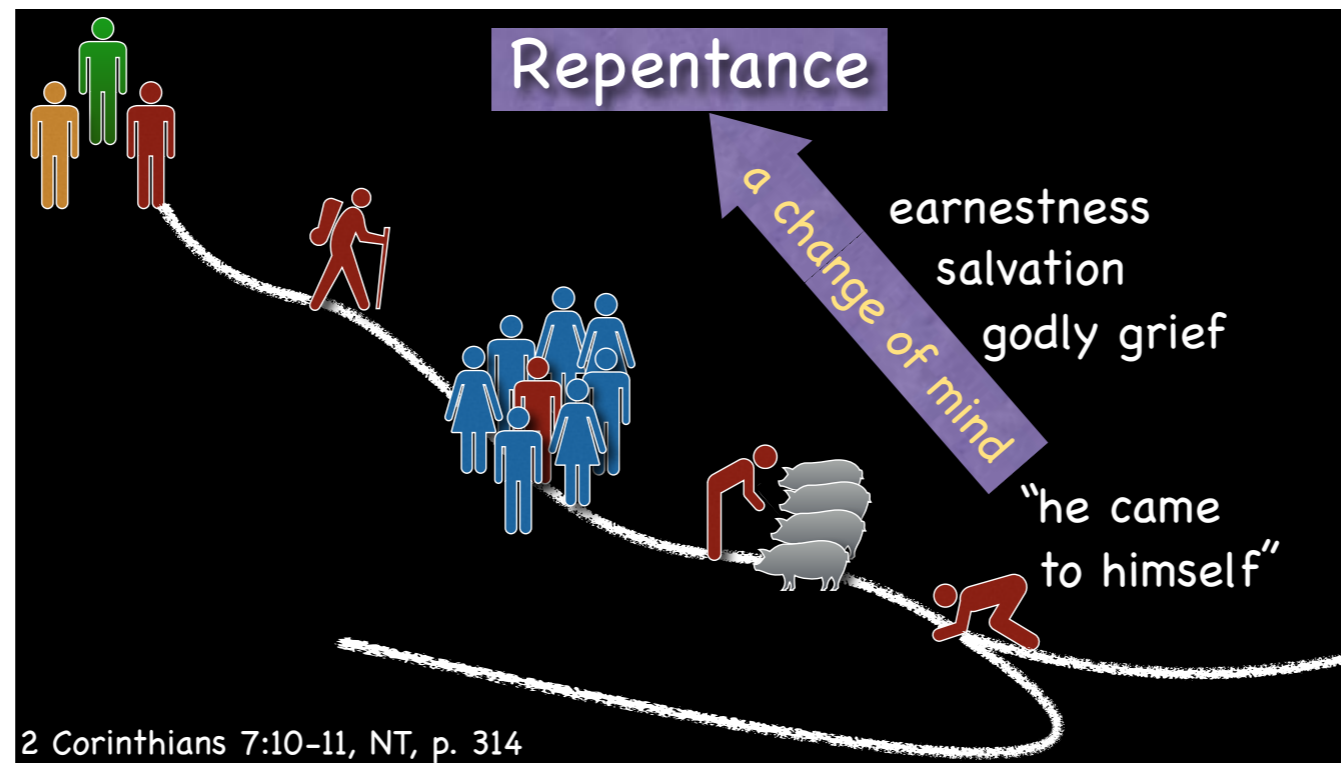
- a godly grief



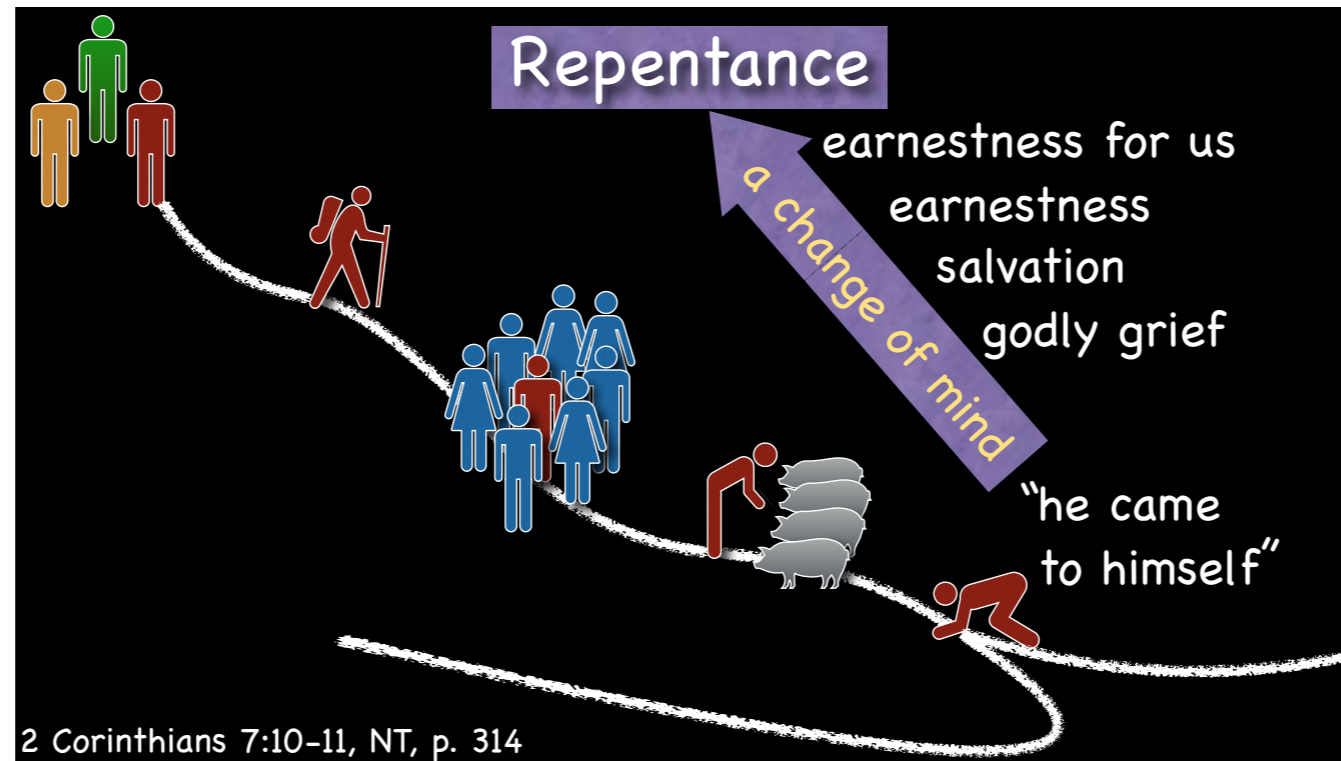
- salvation (without regret)
- 2 Timothy 2:25-26 (ESV Strong's) 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to **a knowledge of the truth**, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.



- Acts 11:18 (ESV) 18 When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that **leads to life.**"

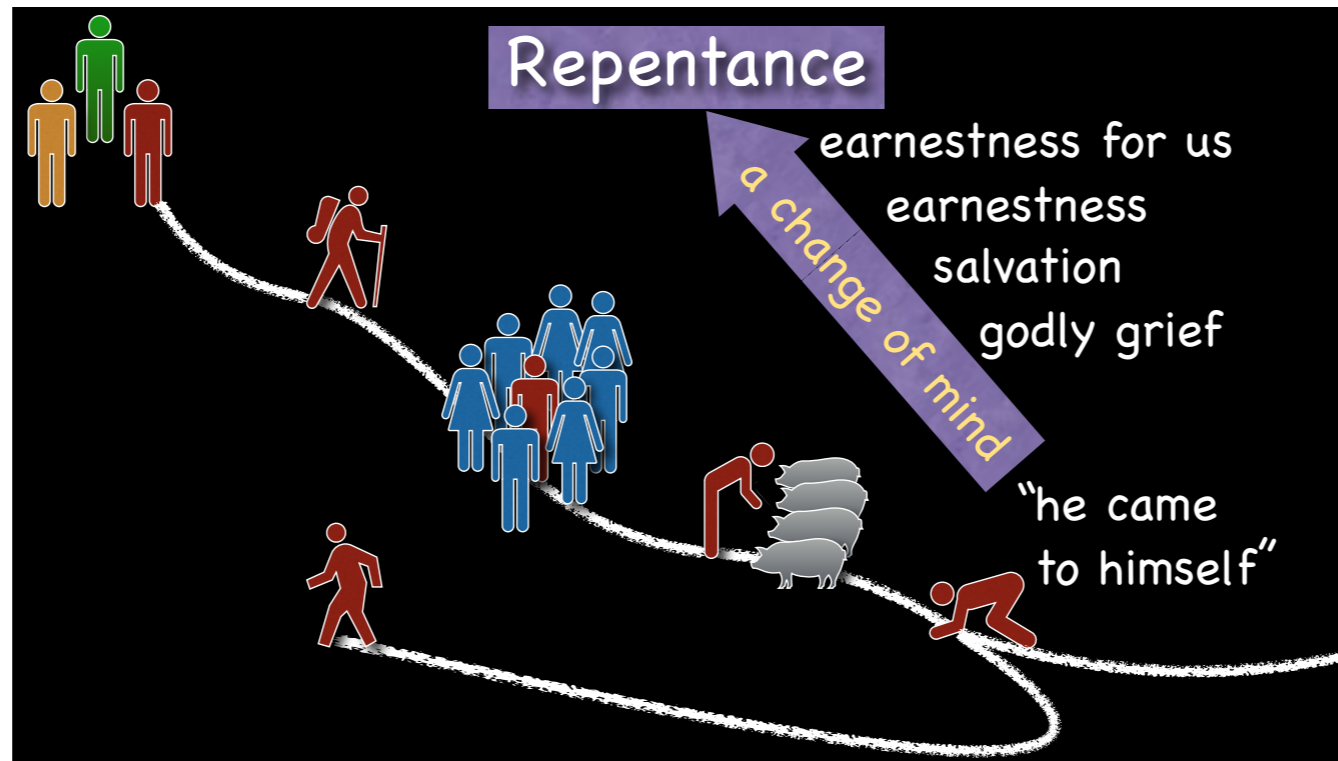


- earnestness (diligence, haste, zealous effort)
  - eagerness to clear yourselves
  - indignation
  - fear
  - longing
  - zeal
  - punishment

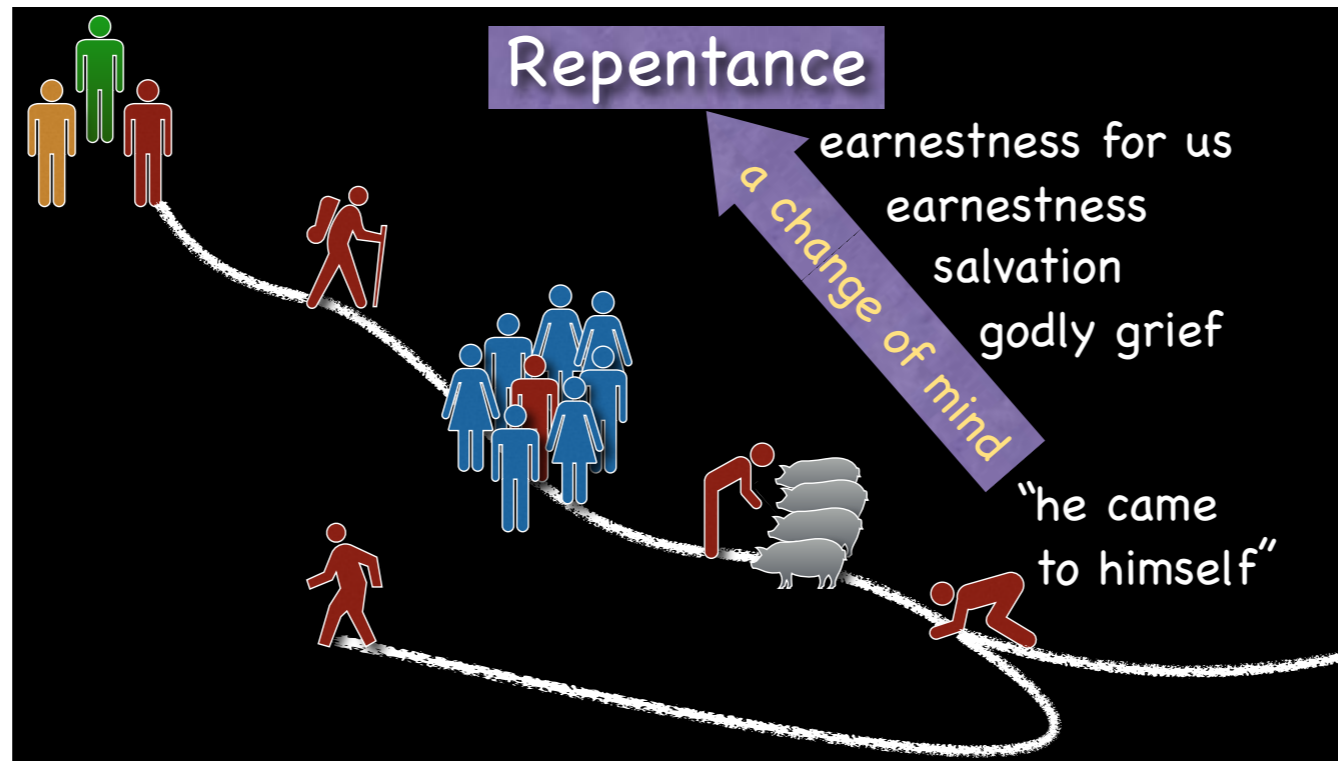


- earnestness for us (12)
  - worldly grief - greater separation from father
  - godly grief - brings closer to father
  - Repentance is not just about sorrow, or changing my self and my ways
  - Repentance is about RECONCILIATION!

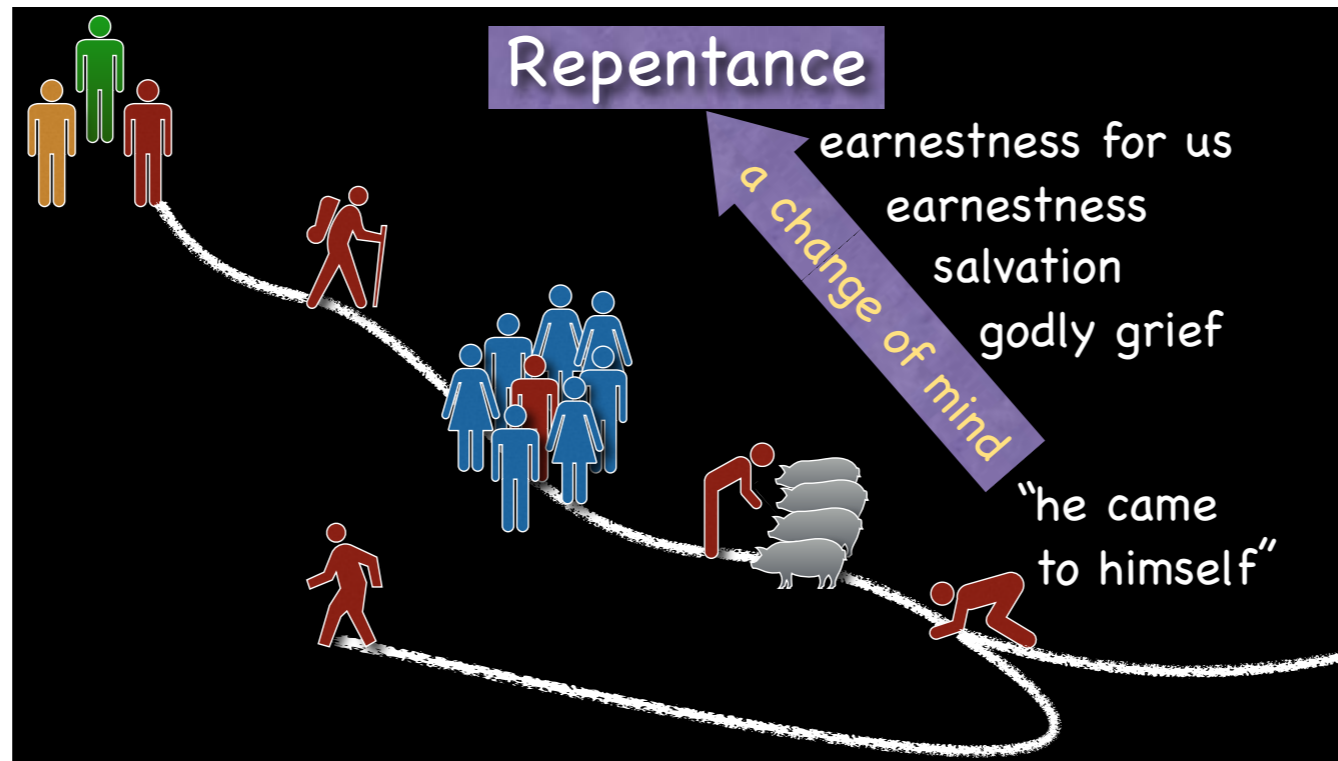




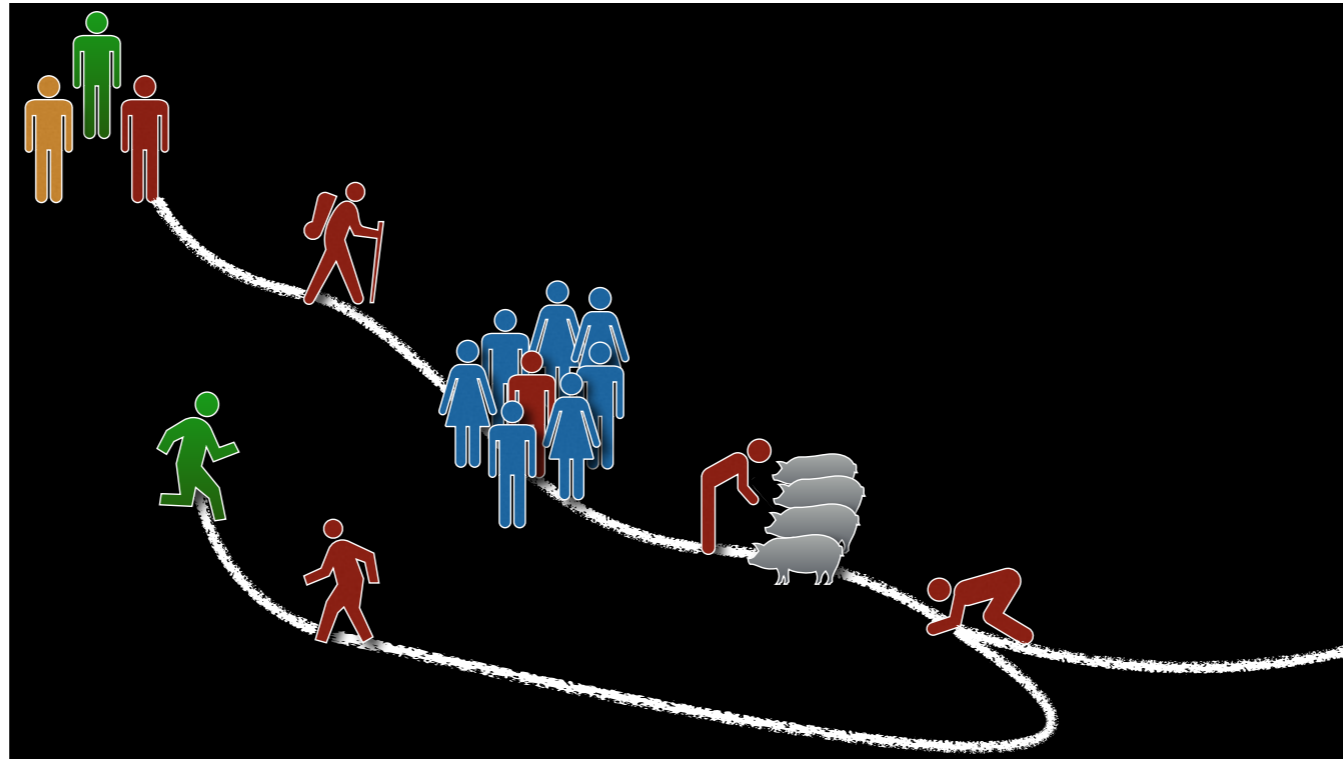
- He doesn't just change his mind about his actions, though that is obviously a part of repentance
- He primarily changes his mind about his father!
  - He wants to reconcile with his father.
  - He wants to go home!



- We are told how he now thinks of his father.
- Luke 15:17-19 (ESV) 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."'

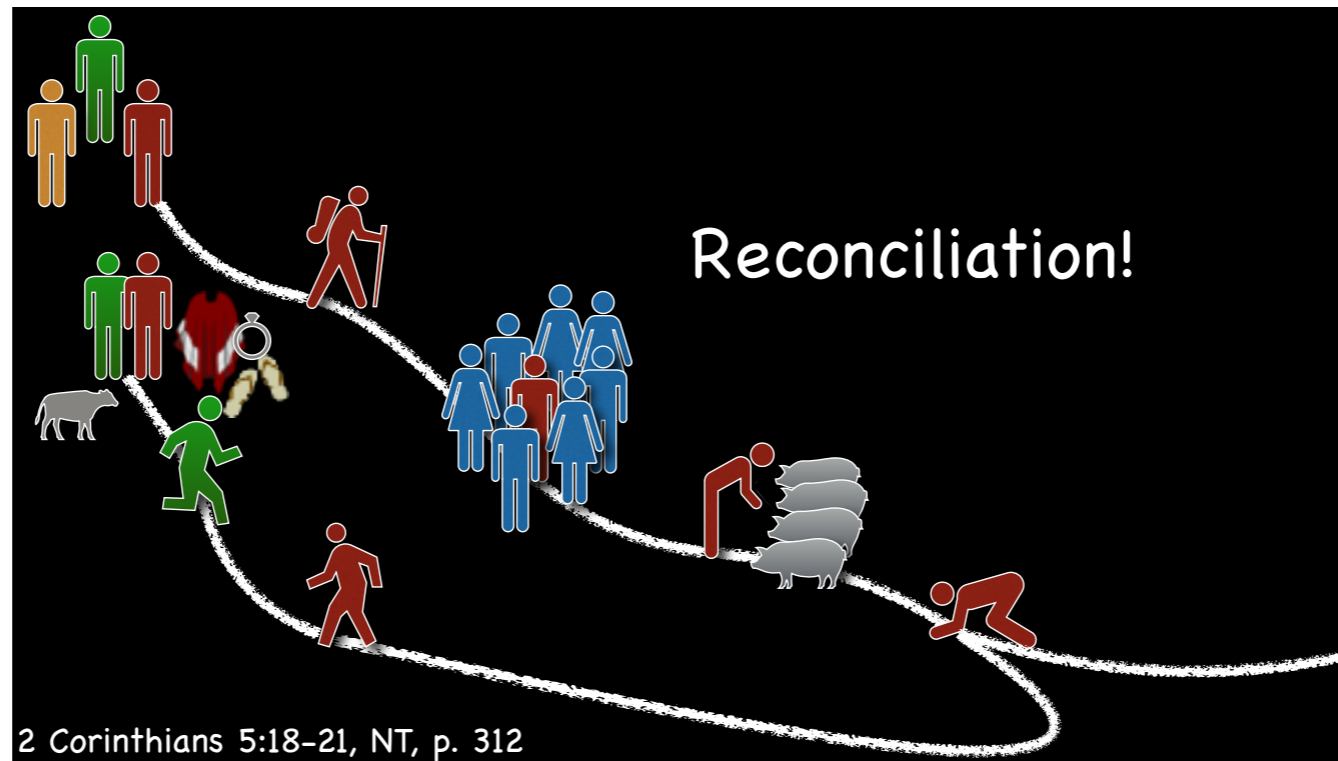


- Generous to All (even servants)
  - more than enough bread
- Welcoming, trustworthy
  - arise
  - go to my father
    - sinned before heaven
    - sinned before you
- Honorable
  - not worthy to be son
  - treat as hired servant

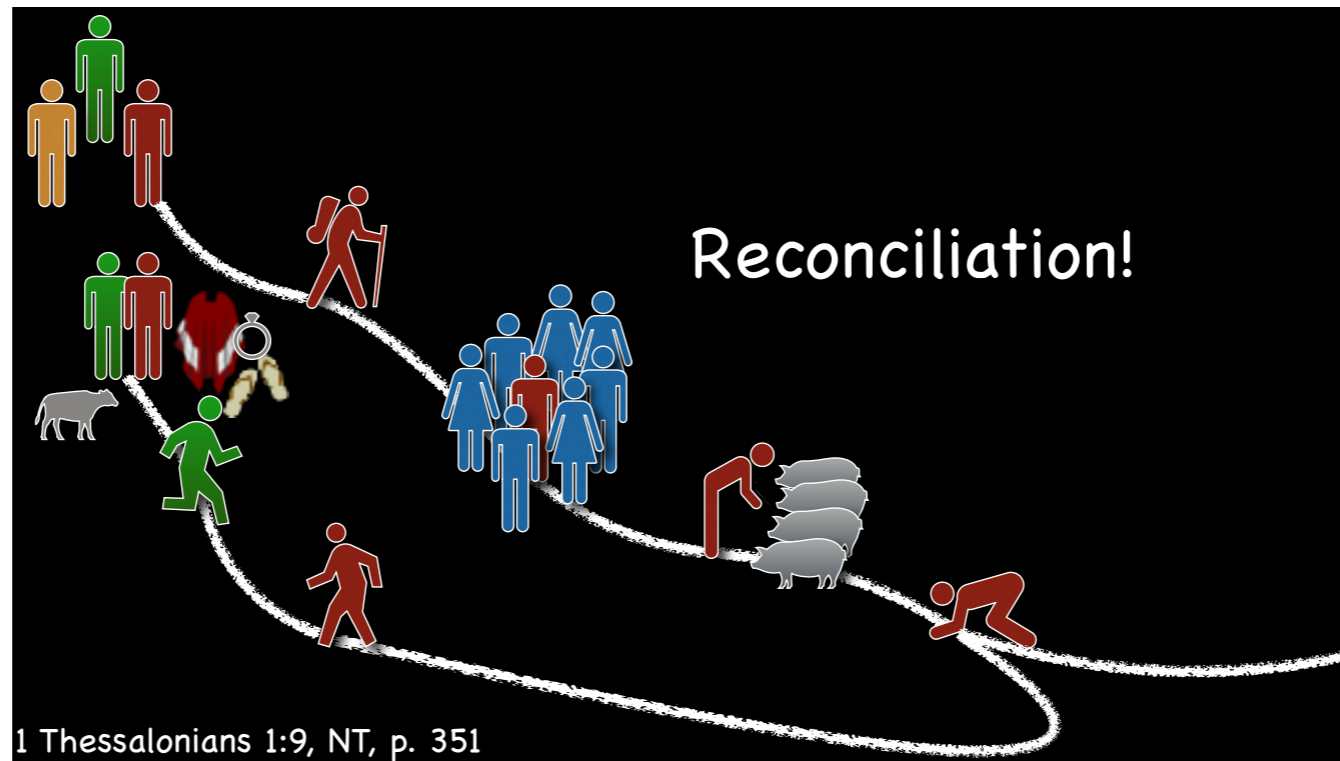


- Luke 15:20-21 (ESV) 20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

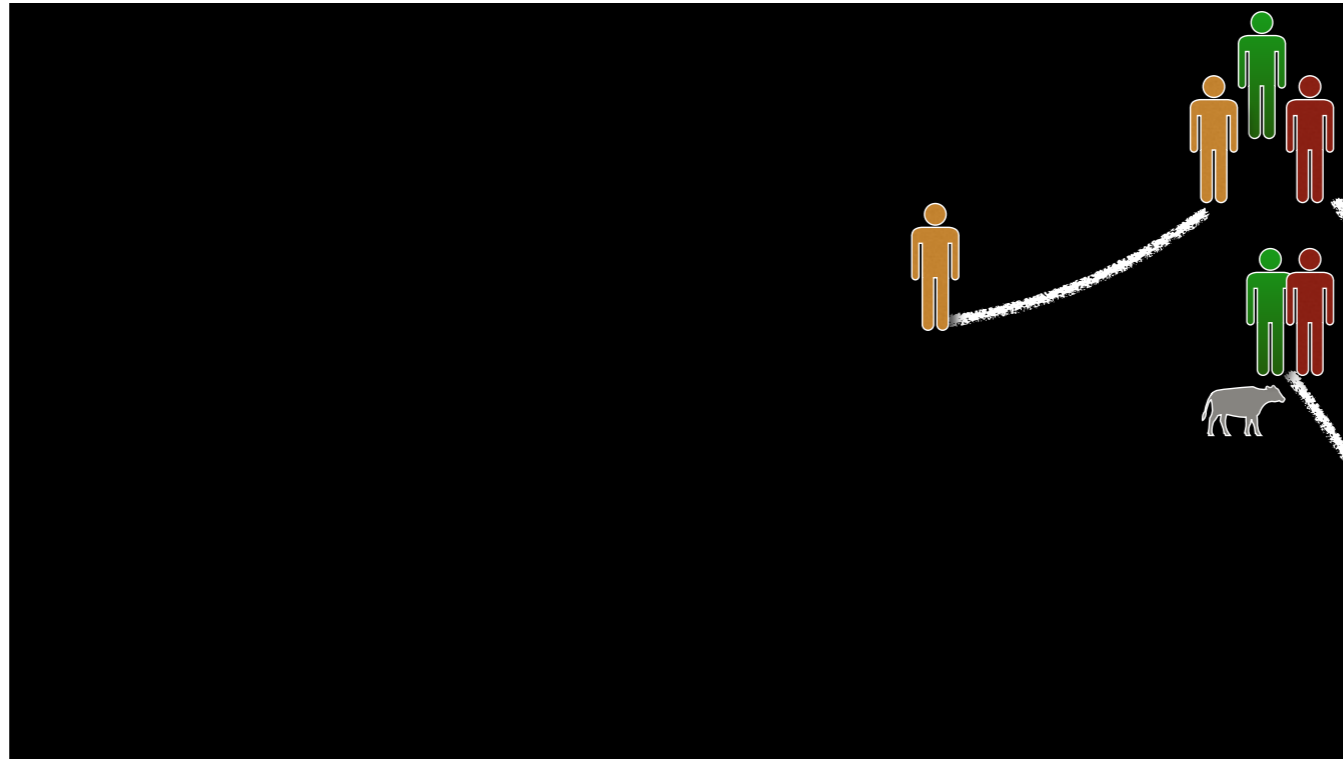




- 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 (ESV) 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



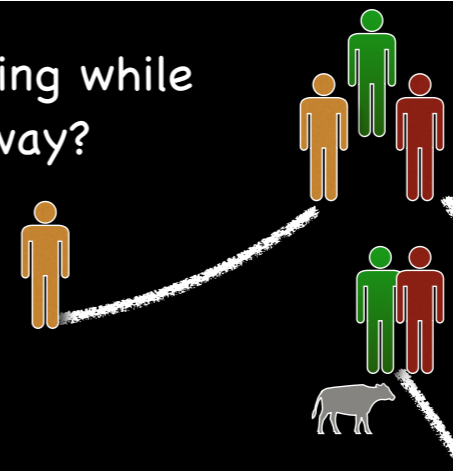
- 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 (ESV) 9 For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.



- Luke 15:25-32 (ESV) 25 “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ 28 But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, 29 but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ 31 And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

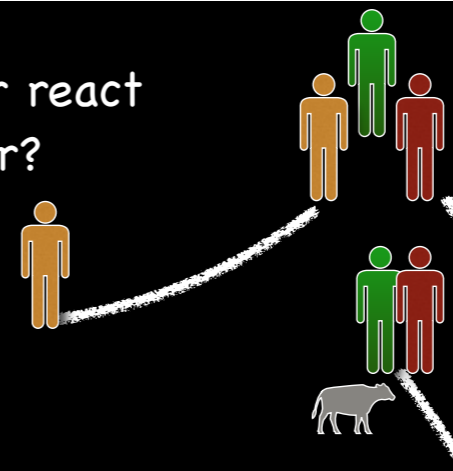


What was the older son doing while his younger brother was away?

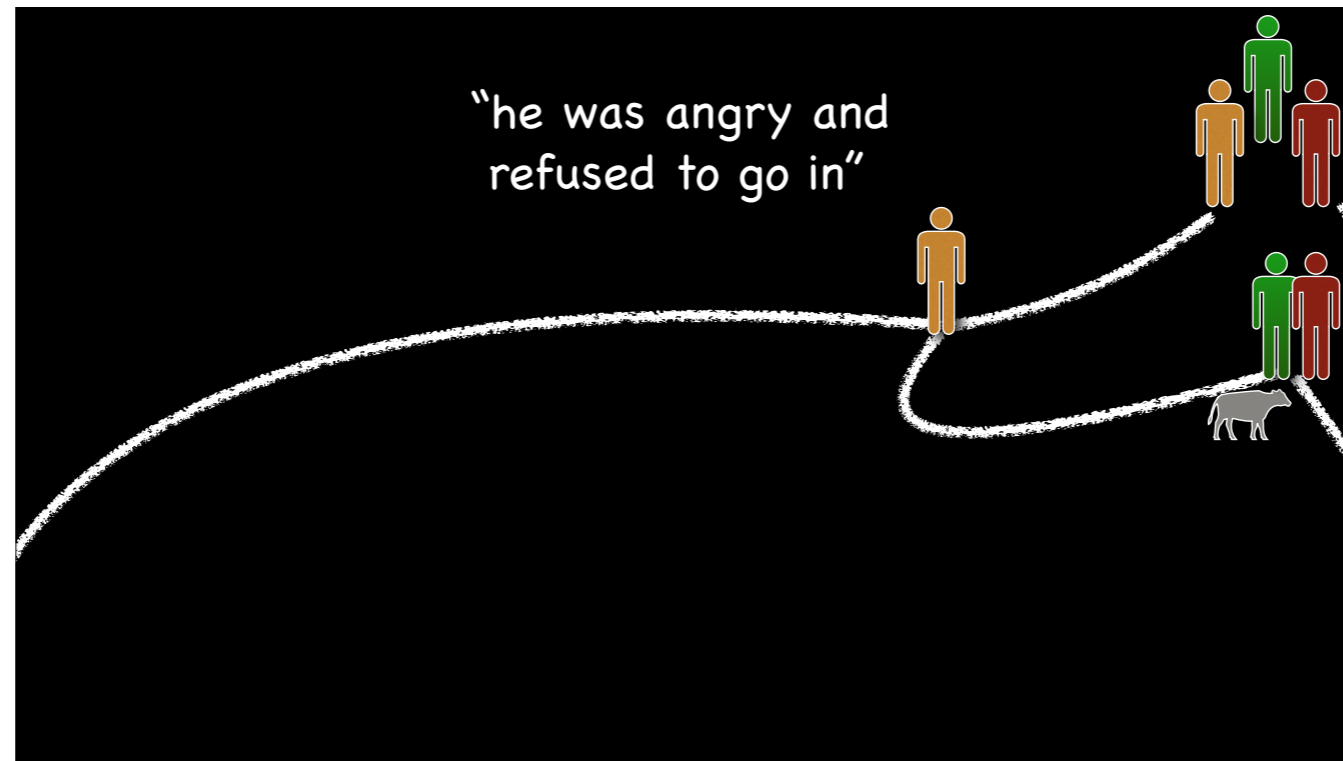


- 25 "Now his older son was in the field,
- What was older son doing?
  - Why?
    - obligation to father
    - expected
    - looking forward to inheritance
    - love

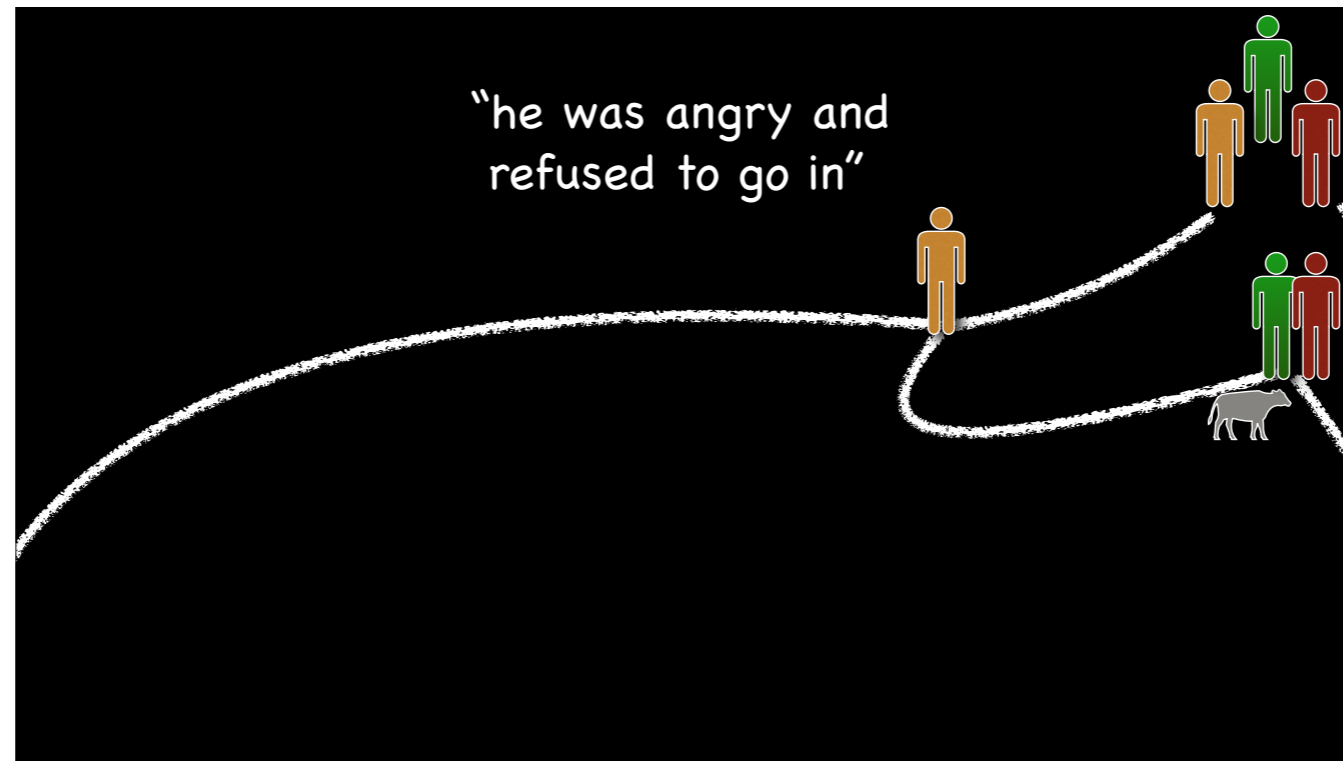
How does the older brother react  
to the return of his brother?



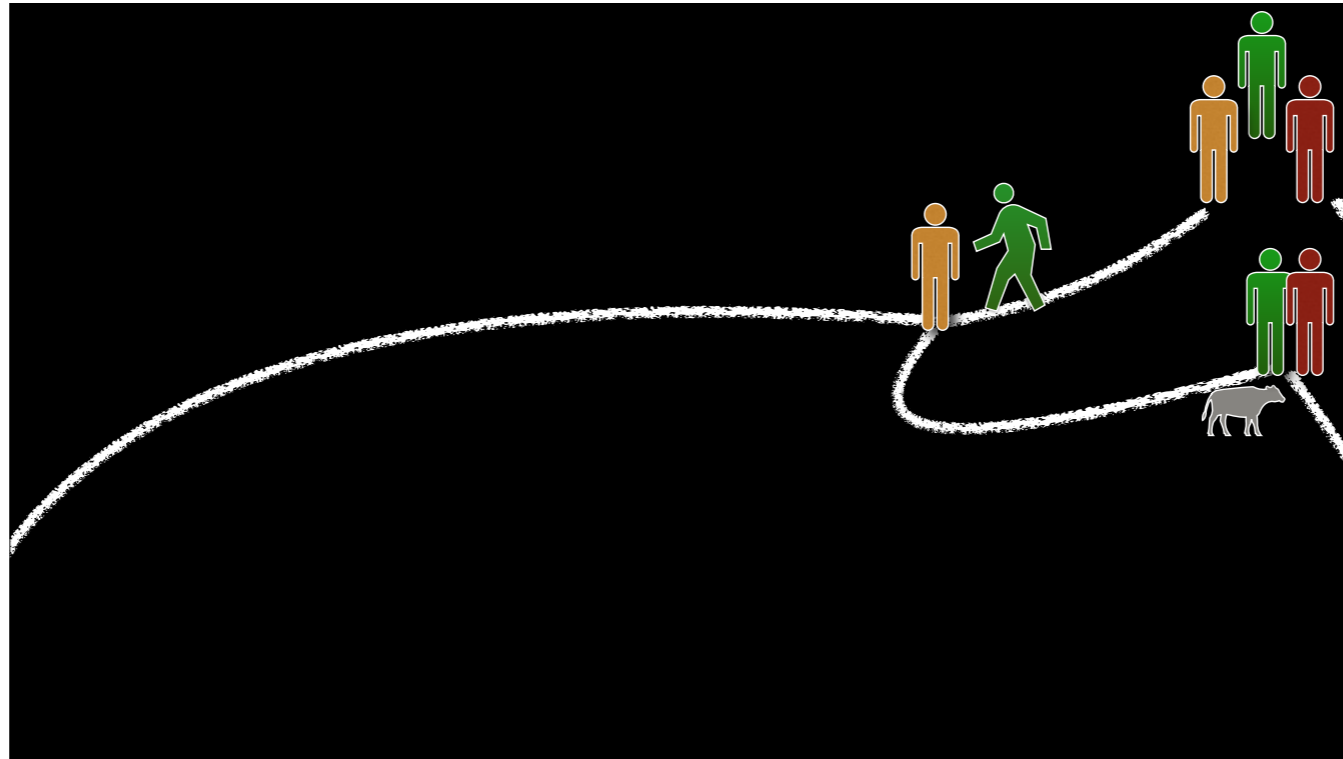
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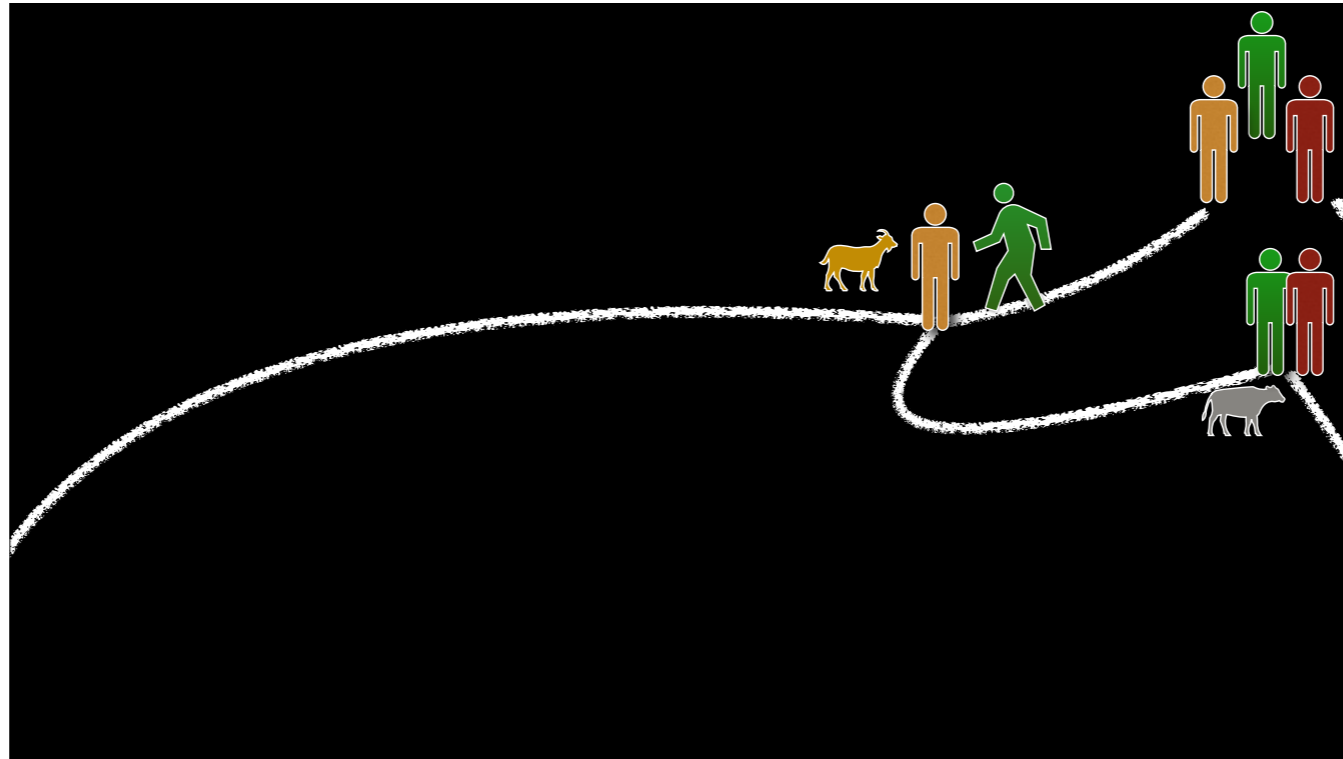
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  - Just like younger brother, there are two paths to choose from



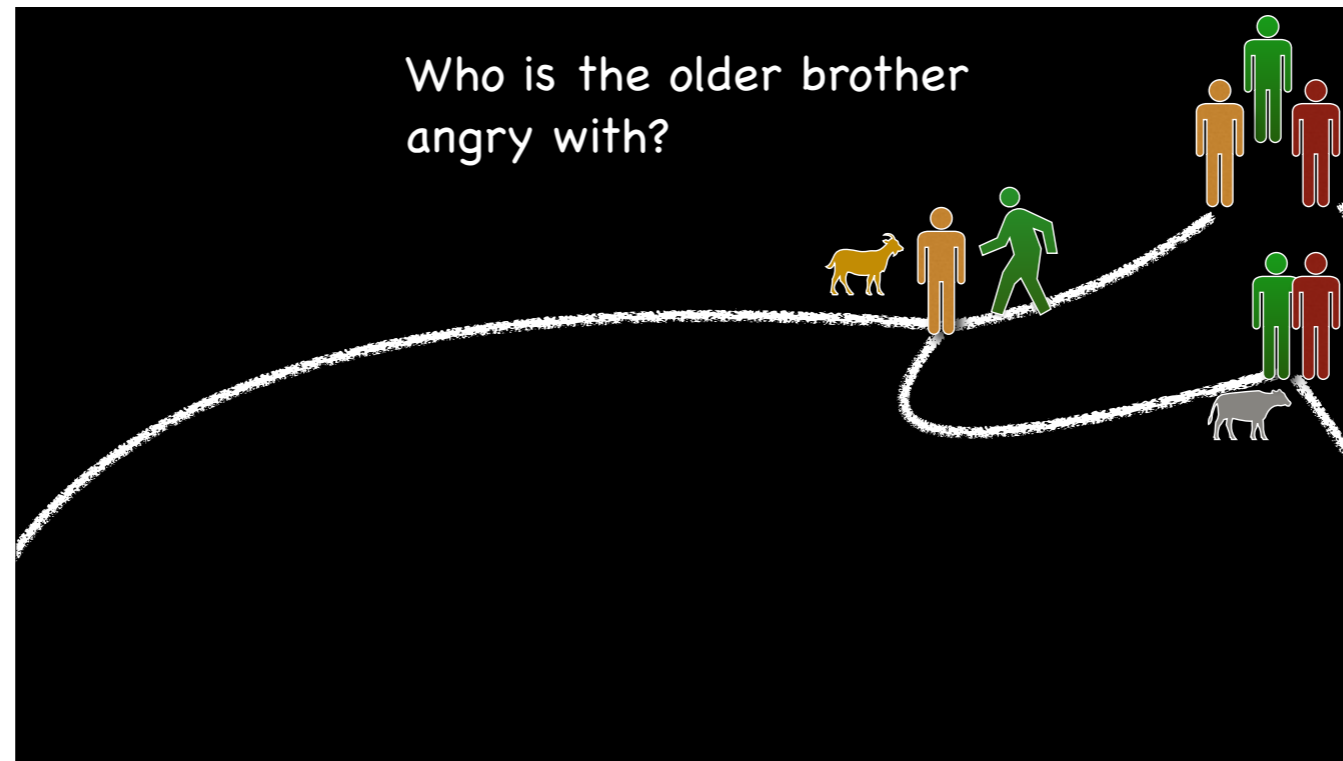
- 28 But he was angry and refused to go in.
  - Just like younger brother, there are two paths to choose from
    - one that took him further from father (and brother)
    - one that was reconciliation with father and brother.
- Has the older son left his father (in a different way, than younger son)?
  - Think about it....



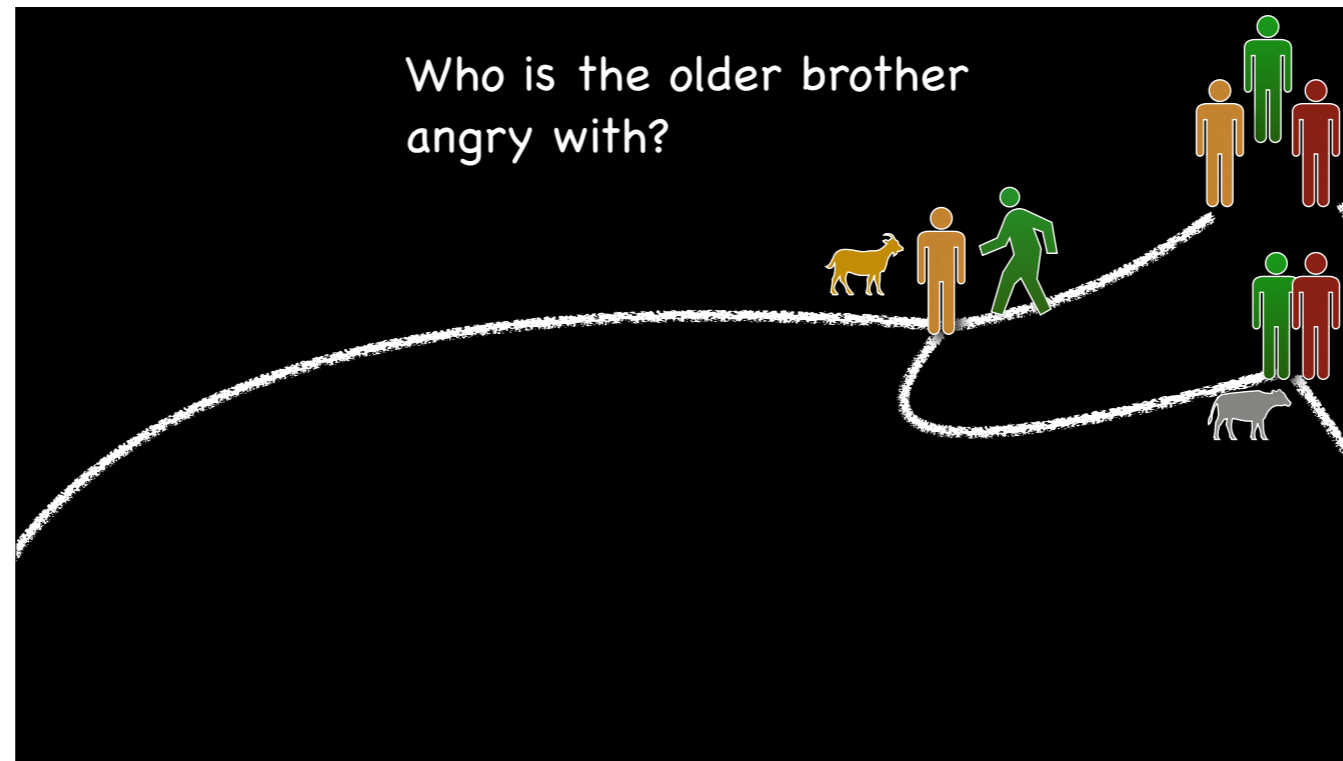
- 28 His father came out and entreated him
  - Here's some incredible information... the Father seeks us when we have run away or refuse to go in.
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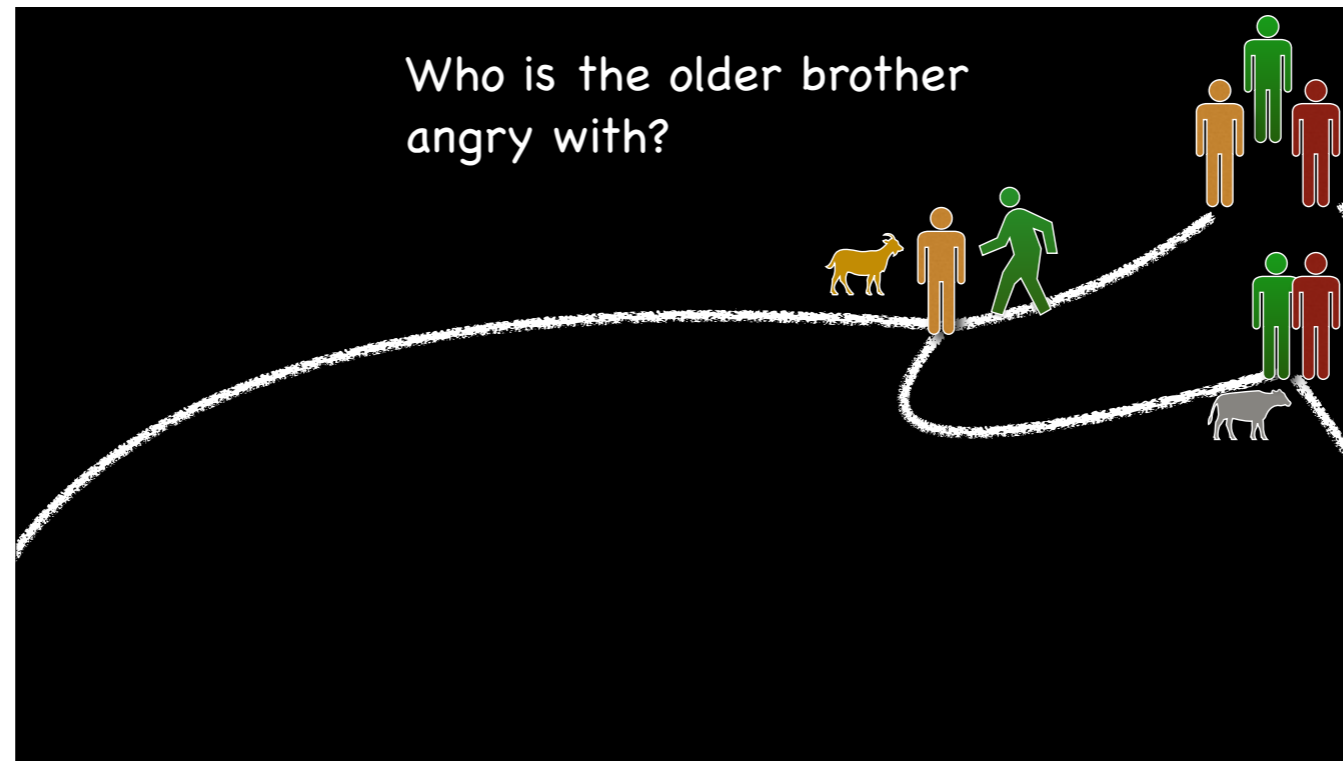


- Who is the older brother angry with? His brother? or His father?
  - Many years
  - I have served you
  - I have never disobeyed your command
  - never gave me a young goat
  - son of yours came
    - devoured property with prostitutes
    - YOU kill fatten calf for him.

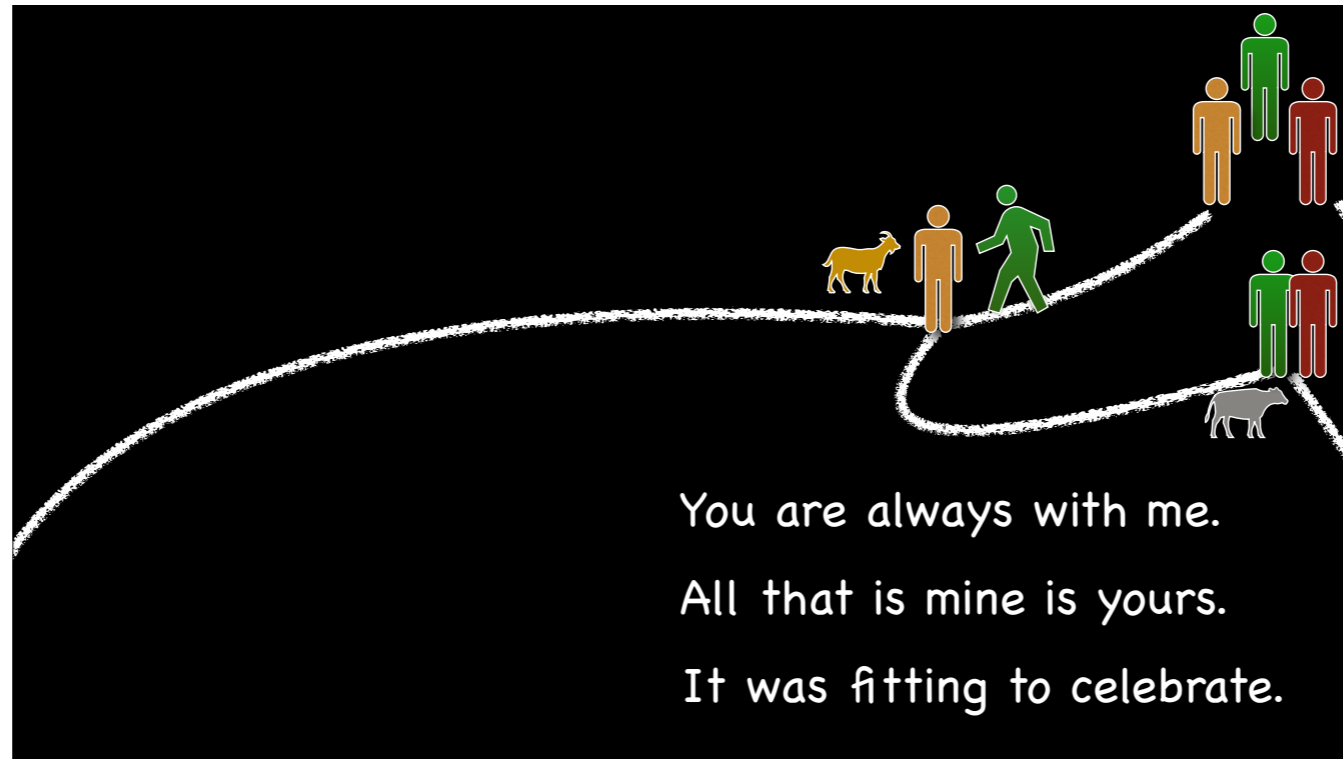


- Older son didn't have right attitude about father even though he was "obeying" him.
- He was out in the field working, but
  - SERVED
  - Never disobeyed
  - I get nothing! No blessing.

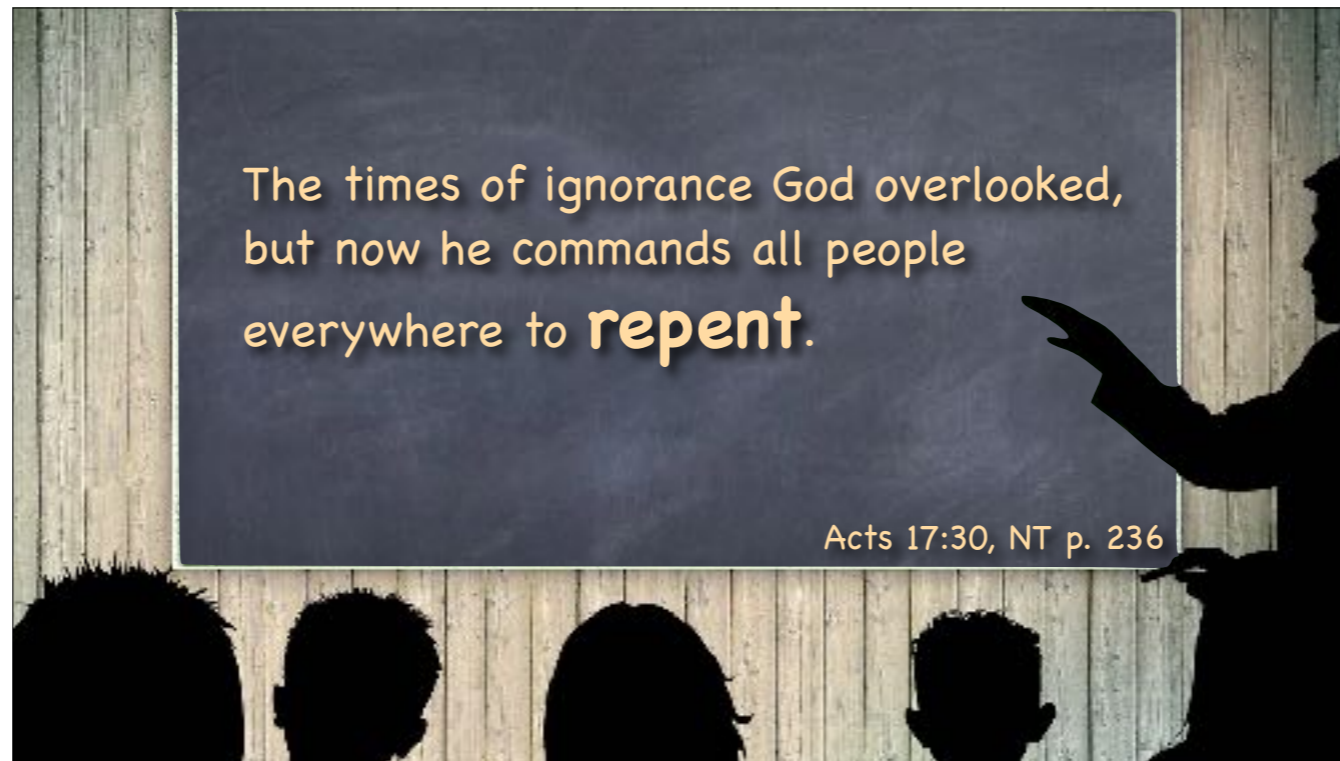




- How is the older son thinking of his father?
  - Father is a demanding man, forces labor
  - Father is not generous
  - Father is unfair



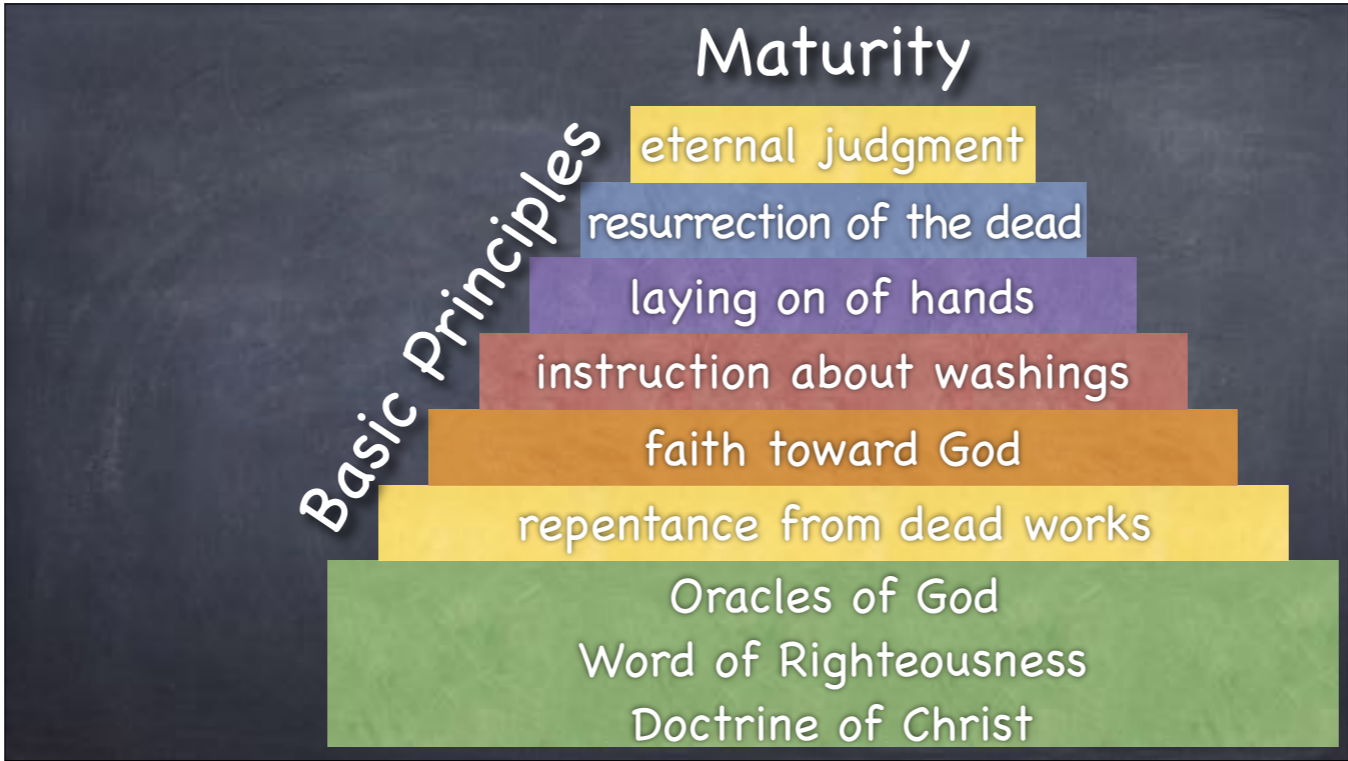
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- Did the older son
  - repent of his anger
  - reconcile with his father and brother?
- I hope so!



- Acts 17:30 (ESV): The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

**We implore you on  
behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**



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## Repentance

Luke 15:17

Synopsis: The parable Jesus told of the lost son provides an excellent lesson about repentance and reconciliation for both the sons.

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