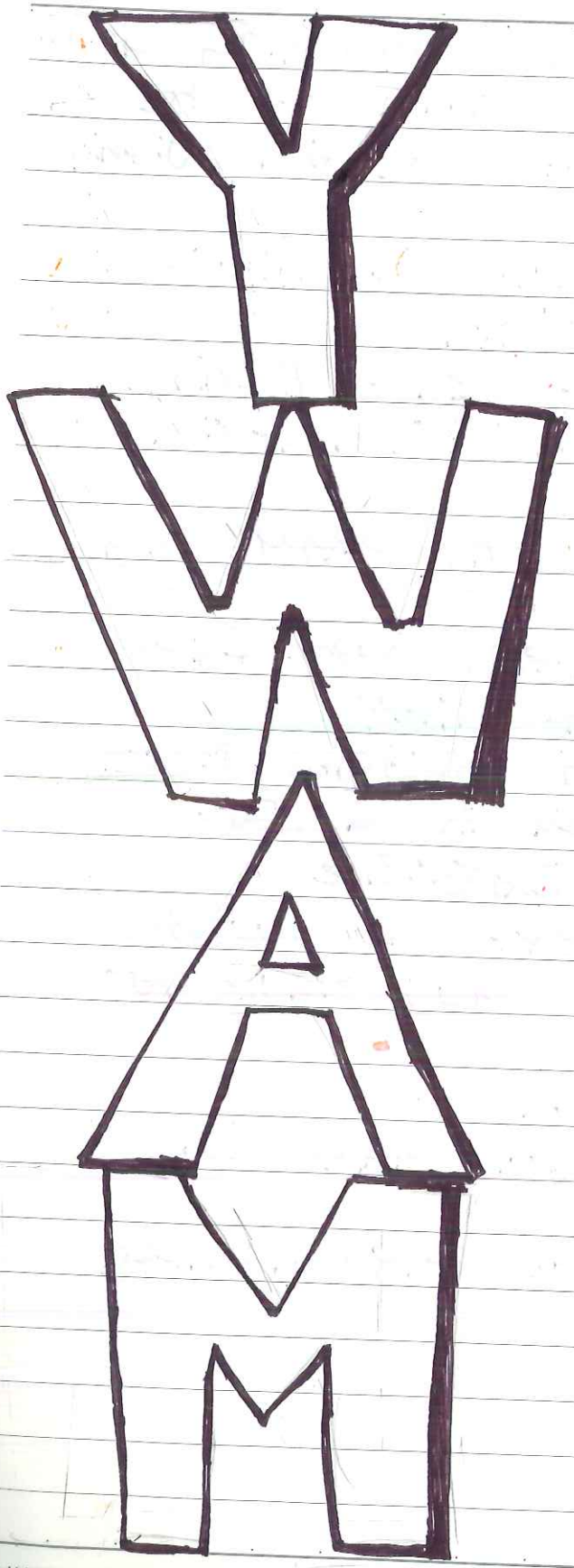

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Beyond Yourself



Isaiah 42:6 → God has called me to become a light in this darkness

- We are going to break the ties we believe
- We are going to go into the nations

Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers this earth, and thick darkness is over the peoples. but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Isaiah 60:1-2

- There is no promised land without the desert
- In the struggle we open our heart, encounter the love of God and go beyond ourselves with him

Cross Cultural Interactions

Culture: The values, attitudes, and customs that are passed down from generation to generation

→ Above the surface: Language, environment, symbols

→ Below the surface: values, attitudes, religion, history, customs

The 80/20 rule: 80% of people in a culture fall into the generalizations

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→ There are always exceptions:
Todos tene una area greis
→ We judge things according to our life experience (cultural lense)

Differences in Climate

Warm

- Relationship oriented
  - Priority is friendly / fun environment
- Direct positive communication / indirect negitive communication
  - difficult to seperate who I am from what I do.
- Inclusion
  - If you want to share something you have it in the open
- Can show up anywhere from 5 min early to 10 mins late

Cold

- Task Oriented
  - Priority is productivity
- Direct positive and negitive communication
  - Can seperate the situation from the person
  - takes things less personally
- Privacy
  - responsible for taking care of their own things
- Prompt: People are expected to be on time or a bit early

Como escuchar la voz de Dios

Jeff

- It's going to take time for God to show me what he wants to show me. Be Patient
- DTS is first and foremost focused on My relationship with God
- Prusuing God is a challenging experience
- I have given God parts of my life but He wants all of me
  - → The is often the greatest struggle
- My success in this school depends on my responce to God
  - → yes: discover new a wonderful things
  - → No: a struggle even a war w/ God
- God has all power but will not force himself upon me because he wants me to make a choice
  - → I am invited to say yes but have the freedom to say no
  - → But I have to live with the consequences of saying no to God
- Part of saying yes to God is turning over control
  - Takes courage, faith, trust
- Dios quere hablarme ¿Lo quiero escuchar?
- Thus far God has known me as an observer He wants me to invite Him in, so that we can communicate in a new way
  - But, what does that look like?

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- The first step: Believing that He wants to talk to me This is where most people fail
  - Somewhere in my life I began to believe that I am less than other people in spiritual things
  - If I dont believe that God wants to talk to me I wont be able to hear him
  - Our beliefs about others and our beliefs about our selfs define how we hear the Words of Others In human relationships
  - Our beliefs about God and our beliefs about ourselves determine whether or not we can hear him speak to us
- Why does God want to speak to us
  - tell us our purpose
  - encourage us
- "If God wants to me... If not sure I want to hear"
  - Why do we think God would say something negative
- God wants a relationship with us and a relationship is impsible sin Communication
  - Can I really say I have a relationship w/ God if Im not Communicating with him
  - Necesito creer que Dios quiere un relacion con mi
- Religous v. Relational Prayers

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- With relationship we not only communicate with God but also expect him to communicate in return
- Estoy listo para abandonar las cosas que pienso de dios?
  - Muchas veces nuestras imagenes son nuestras propias creaciones
  - many come from our earthly fathers
  - Our life experiences have formed our image of God
- There is an issue with trust: We cannot understand God is we don't trust them
  - His words contain no value
  - Do I have a heart that can trust
- Prayer is an attitude of my heart tuned into God ☆☆
- We trust someone according to their character
  - Sometimes we go beyond this and mistrust people based on bad character not individual behavior
    → God can get sucked into this
- Im not going to hear b/c I dont trust
- We are meant to get to know the character of God
  - through His word
  - through His communication with us
- God is good

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- People who struggle to hear God often don't fully believe that God is good
  - Trust issues coming from our past experiences
  - Where am I at in my thoughts and images with God
    - Be honest
- I am here today because I want to have a relationship with God because I want to believe that God is good
  - I have made the first step in faith by being here
- Lay your honest doubts and opinions before the Lord
- Application of information created transforms
- My images of God. Why can't I trust God?
- My challenges in hearing his voice Lies
  - God doesn't fit into my practical, skeptical worldview
  - I feel unworthy
  - I don't feel as though I have had enough experiences with God to understand it
  - My family culture is one of disbelief
  - I let worldly representation of God shape my own opinion about him.
  - I want to stay in control.
- I know the voice of God already but the above things distort His voice.
  - They change the voice of God or block it

Lay these down in front of God

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out completley

• Jesus, I give these barriers to you. Come in and be the Shepard that I can recognize Lord Jesus,

Here is some of my stuff, some of it is rooted in the Past some of it is attitudes I have picke up but here let me surrender to hearing your voice. -Jeff

Lord

Take my disbelief, take my feelings of unworthiness take my need for control, my need to constatly understand you, Lord take it all I give it to you fill this empting within me.

God wants to Speak to me & I want to remove any barriers

• The things I believe about myself and about God the lies I believe about myself and about God get in the way of my relationship with him

God doest just tolerate me... He is Passionatley Pursuing me

• Part of the process of growing in faith and forming a relationship with God is

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recognizing the lies I believe and desire to instead know the truth John 8:31-32
- "Here I am Lord Speak for your servant Listens" ✡✡
- The older we get the more barriers we create - accumulation of things we haven't dealt with
- We need a childs faith to hear God - we all start out trusting, the world teaches us not to Jesus calls us to relearn to trust
- When we are in relationship with God we begin to understand his heart and we can begin to ask for this in accordance with His Will
- God is pursuing intimacy with me - God communicates in a whisper b/c I have to be close to Him to hear
- I need child like trust and a willingness for intimacy in order to live a life hearing God
- Our Biblical beliefs and emotional experiences often come in conflict with one another.
- If we are going to be hearing God What are we expecting Him to say
- There are 3 categories of things God wants to speak to us about.

Spirit lead me

① His love for me 80% ② Direction 10% ③ Ministry to others 10%

Su amor por mi direcion Ministrar a otros

- Sometimes we dont hear God because we aren't listening for what he wants to speak to us about
- Many times we try to minister to other things we cant even accept Curselves
- Do I have ears to hear how much the father loves me?
- Zephaniah 3:17
  - God is with us
  - God loves us despite our imperfection
  - He rejoices in us
- God Wants to build with us a foundation of love
  - Can I accept it?
- God does not speaks in a voice of Condemnation
  - Romans 8:1
- Condemnation provides no redemtion no light
- I am no longer stuck in condemnation
  - I am often my worst condemner
- Condemnation often defines us
  - it is Powerful
  - but Jesus has change our identity
- In order to hear God I have to change

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Big first things

the way I believe

- Conviction of the Holy Spirit: God talking to us when we have done something wrong
- It is very easy for a voice of conviction in our head to become condemnation
- Condemnation causes us to shut down because it sees no hope
- Conviction allows us to be forgiven and walk forward
- The responce to conviction that works is confession and asking God what to do about it
- A voice of condemnation is one of the enemies of the voice of God
- We struggle to hear the voice of God because we have already embraced so many others
- Rest in the shadow of my strength

He is jealous for me

Dios tiene Celoso

- God's jelousy is out of love for us
- God what am I doing that is making you jelous

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- Finding Gods direction for my life depends on me accepting His love for me
  - As we receive Gods love our desires begin to change
  - Am I ready to really hear and receive what He wants to tell me?
  - God is good, Gods ways are good, Im impatient, insecure, demanding, so I incorrectly interpret his silence
  - I have to hear the love of God before I can hear anything else about Him
- God does speak through other people
  - he always seeks to build unity among His people
- The Holy Spirit has been given to all of us so that we may represent Him on earth
- We need the Holy Spirit in order to speak to others and in order to understand God through others
- God chooses many different ways to speak
  - I have to be open to him speaking in a unique way
  - I have to have faith that it is actually God speaking → I have to choose to hear God
- What is faith → Hebrews 11:1
  Trusting that God is good

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- I have to believe when the spirit of God takes the Word of God and makes it personal for me
- Acknowledge God when he speaks to you and say thank you
- When I hear the Lord speak I must respond in faith
- I have ignored you God, forgive me
  - when we ignore/disobey God our spiritual ears begin to close

1 Corinthians 3:3

- Hearing God and speak through him takes practice
- Faith will require some sort of action
  - often times ignoring = disobeying

Gods going to jump out of your box Be ready

- God always gives to us so that we can then give to others

God blesses us so that we may then bless others

The more I recieve the more I am expected to give to others

But first I must recieve

- How do I know if the direction I recieve is coming from God
- In the world we live in it is easy to be decieved

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Heaven meets Earth Surgery



What does God give us to guide us?

- Scripture — Escritura
- Wise Counsel — consejero
- Internal Witness (Holy Spirit) — Espíritu Santo
- Circumstances — Circunstancias
- Does this glorify God — Esto glorifica a Dios

• Unfavorable circumstances don't mean your out of Gods will
  - Don't take difficulties as a sign from God that what you are doing is wrong
• Live in the moment... Be here
  - get everything God wants for you now
  - Surrender fears about the future
• Seek God not just his answers
• Do I plan to obey Gods guidance?
  - God takes us one step of obedience at a time
• Rest in His Love

Lordship Señorio

What do we mean when we call Jesus Lord
→ He owns me I am completely submitted to Him

I can know the right words but if my actions don't reflect them they mean Nothing [Mt. 7:21-23]
- If I say I want to hear from God I have to obey

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Philippians 2:3-8

Jesus provided an example for us. → He humbled himself setting aside his glory and power for us

-What does that mean for me

What rights must I give up to follow Jesus

- money
- family
- safety
- control
- comfort
- pride / dignity
- life
- future
- marriage

} American ideals?

Seek Jesus for relationship not for salvation

We come to Jesus and give him our sin our trash but he also wants our treasure

- We don't totally trust

Where you put your treasure or your heart is.

- Jesus wants our heart

Have no other Gods before me

- We can make a God out of almost anything
- Anything that takes the majority of my time, energy, hope, and affection is my God

Maybe Jesus isn't my Lord What is?

When Jesus is the Lord of my life things begin to change

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What have I not surrendered to my Lord?
- I haven't surrendered if I have fear
- I haven't surrendered if I have a bad attitude
Is Jesus my Lord or not?
Why am I afraid to give Jesus parts of my life
→ Do I truly trust Him?
Why do I think I know myself better than my creator?
Why do I think I can plan my life better than He can
The safest place I can be is in the hands of God
What do I need to surrender
- future
- comfort
Don't just pretend

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Pursuing Right Relationships

Jeff

- Life is relationships
  - There are no aspects of our lives that don't involve relationships
- Relationships are difficult because I cannot control the results
- Do I value relationships
- Do I use relationships selfishly
- Focus on what God is saying to me
- The two greatest commandments
  Mark 12:29-31 Love God and love people
- What is love?
  John 15:13
  1 Corinthians 13
- We cheapen the word love
- Love is not
  - taking what I want
  - seeking excitment
  - emotional fulfilment
- ★ Love is choosing to give the highest good to God, to others, to myself
- Love is not an emotion in itself
  - Love is a choice that exists beyond emotions
- Our emotions don't always tell us the truth → Strong emotions ≠ truth
- Love is always giving
- True love is not about what I want

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- Love for God is inseperable from obidience
  - We must obey and respond to God
- Choosing the highest God for myself is choosing to let God and let others love me
- The highest good for me is in relation with the one who loves and knows me
- The highest good for me is not what makes me feel good
- Sometimes the highest good for me is the word no
- Our emotions should follow our will
  - emotions our good when they are in their proper role
- The Word of God should guide our will
- Ultimatley fear is a great respect
  - We have great respect for things that dont matter
  - We let this respect control us
  - We recognize that ~~thing~~, the things we fear are more powerful than us
- Fear the Lord: Understand the power and holiness of God and respect
  - honor / obey Him
- Our problems arise when we fear other things more than we fear God
- Fear of man v. fear of God

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#Look up classical men (stomach, heart, mind)

- The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom and love
- Emotions begin causing problems: when we let them lead us
- I am controled by Fear
- Emotions are something we react to
- Love creates emotions but it is a part of my will
- Sometimes love is not followed by good feeling or it takes a long time
- Sacrifical love occurs when you chose to love without the good feelings
- Love always hopes that good things will come out of it
- We choose love because God is love
- Greek Words for love
  - agape: Unconditional love / love of God
  - eros: romantic love
  - Storge
  - fileo: friendship/familial love
- Agape is the most confusing love
  - there is no immediate benefit for me
- Agape is natural for God but we need his Spirit because it is not natural for us
- I love those who I think are going to love me
- I give to people who I think will give in return

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- Love is always the highest calling
- Love is the basis for right relationships
- John 13:35: People know God through our love and our relationships with others
- Our success in outreach depends on our ability to relate with / love eachother
- The best way to prepare for outreach is to start loving eachother now

How do I love the people that are not easy to love

- I have to ask the Holy Spirit to help me love
- One day we will come to the end of our own love... We need God
- We know what love you learned through your attitudes and actions

God I want to learn agape

Challenge: Pray this when I am uncomfortable "God what do you want to teach me in this"

- When in difficult situations we often focus on the other person
  - We miss an opportunity to go one step further in understand Gods love
- One of the purposes of right relationships is pointing other people to Jesus

John 17:20-21

- Right relationships serve to unite us as followers of Jesus
  - its hardest to find unity with the people with whom we share the most
- If we truly learn how to love God we come to be able to love eachother
- Right relationships are important for evangelism

Dont make the gospel all about the individual

1 John 2:9

- Our relationships with others manifest our love for God
  - They serve as an indicator

- Why do we start relationships
  I like the way I feel when I'm with you
- Relationships last longer when we look beyond how we feel

Romantic Atraction Atracción Romática

Proverbs 4:23

Our heart: Deepest part of ourselves
- desires - feelings - dreams - thoughts

Our heart: metaphor for a very precious, special place in our life

Giving our heart is giving away the most precious part of ourselves

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- We guard that which is Valuble to us this should included your heart
- My heart is one of the most Valuble things I have
- Guard your heart above all else
- We have to be Wise in our Vulnerability
- We have to Wait... Romantic attraction makes patience hard
- learn how to guard the treasures stored in your heart
- How do I decide who to give my heart to
- I am not a Slave to Romantic attraction. I am in control of my choice

What creates attraction

(1) Physical Appeerce Apariencia fisica
(2) Character Qualities Calidades del caracter
(3) Similarities/Differences Similitudes/Diferencias
(4) Respone of another Respuesta del otro
(5) Inner Needs Necesidades internas
(6) Gods gift of attraction El regalo de Dios la atraccion
- just because God gives me a gift doesn't mean I know how to use it
- Can I be humble enough to admit that I need to learn

What do I do with the attraction I feel?
- At the beginning of the romantic attraction is when we are usually least open to corrective input
- This is different, You don't understand

- When we first feel attracted we need the most correction but we are also most tempted to reject this correction

• God created Romatic attraction



- It is not bad if used correctly
- It was designed so that it can and must be directed by my will
  → God created us to be in control of our attraction but we have been taught that that is impossible
- The sooner my will can direct my romantic attracti the less trouble I will have with it
- We decide to feed our romantic attraction
  → Just b/c the fire starts doesn't mean I have to feed it until it is all-consum
    → But I like the warmth of the fire
      → But its in the wrong place

• Ultimately you have to take a risk → you can still get hurt
- God what do you think for this
- Either Way we have to ask God

• If we don't train our romantic attracti to control it with our will is when we first feel it... before it gets out of control
  → Like a puppy



• Relationships don't have to end simply b/c I know longer feel attracted to them Romantic attraction is a feeling...

love is a choice

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Feelings of romantic attraction can come and go, but Love is a choice and can go on without them

- Relationships don't have to begin simply because I feel attracted to someone
  - We can be attracted to the wrong person
- Romantic attraction is not what leads my love
- I should and can say no to Romantic attraction when it is wrong for me
  - Wrong timing
  - Wrong person
- Our culture uses dating to train us for divorce
- What is the fuel for romantic attraction?

or

Paths that create/strengthen emotional bonds

- The time you spend together (Pasar tiempo juntos))
  - → Particularly one on one (Particularmente Solos)
- Intimate words shared (Compartir palabras intimas)
  - → Secrets, confessions of attraction (Secretos, confesiones de atracción)
- Physical touch (toque físico)
  - → I don't know how it affects the other person

So I believe God wants the best for me.
Pursuing what I want creates a lot of difficulty
I must learn to trust God's character and
Invite God to be the one who directs me

- We have to understand what marriage is before we step into it
- Marriage is about giving → Love is about choosing to give
- God is not always concerned that I feel good now → He wants my life to be good
- Following God's Plan will not bring momentary pleasure but it will bring me life
- God doesn't say no in an effort to keep something good from me
  → Trust
- The things that God has made that are good almost always have boundaries on them
- Why does God say no to sex outside of Marriage
- I cannot touch my body without touching the Spirit in whom Jesus dwells
- I am made up of a body a soul, and a spirit
  - Soul: mind (thoughts, will, emotions)
- Sex is never just a physical thing
- We have been taught wrong
- Sex is an intimate connection of two peoples spirits
- Sex outside of marriage is not smart and not loving because
  - It causes damage: What was bought together as one is torn apart



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Hope

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→ it damages the mind: Knowledge God didn't intend you to have outside of a life-long commitment
memories but no one to share them with →
intended to bring joy not regret

→ it damages my will: everytime we sin it becomes easies
When we practice damaging our will before we are married their will is still damaged after they get married
God wanted us to cultivate a strong will

→ it damages my emotions: We become calused, we lose our sensativity
everyone else seems to feel Gods presence I don't → we have lost the sensativity that God intended

② It lacks commitment

→ Marriage is the commitment: Marriage proves the commitment
Prove it: words are cheap

→ Commitment is a choice: It doesn't matter what it feels like

→ Till death do us part

→ Marriage is the best thing we have to prove commitment

→ With a lack of commitment I am wedding myself together with another person only to be ripped apart later

③ I lack Spiritual Protection: God blesses sex within marriage
When we walk outside of God's power/plan we open ourselves up to dark powers: open door
We don't understand the spiritual relm and we do things out of ignorance
④ It shrinks my capacity for future intimacy
⑤ It Puts a weight on my future marriage



Guilt is good when it leads us to repentance but after repentance we must trust fully in Jesus
- God never intended for us to be involved sexully out of marrage
- Self control now is like a future investment in My marriage
  - I will wait for you
  - Show love by choosing to wait
  - I am trust-worthy
  - I can and am willing to control my desire for you

Powerful

- We are wise to listen to and obey God
- We make the choice now before the desire is strong
- God I want to commit myself to trust You, I want to do it your way and I want to find a future spouse who wants to do it your way

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Committing myself to a lifestyle of love

Boundaries for the heart Límites para el corazón

- The old questions: How far can I go without having sex
- God wants us to learn how to embrace boundaries for our own hearts
- Many boundaries remind us to chase the highest good for ourselves and others
- Good rules have good reasons

If we were all really good at loving we would not need rules → they would be in our hearts

- A new question: What are the wisest and most loving actions I can chose in my relationship

Serving God is a transformation of my heart, not a changing of my behavior

- Have I internalized what God wants me to know about love
- It's a matter of internal v. external control

Bible Words for Sinful actions and attitudes

Lasciviousness: To stir up within yourself or another desires which cannot be satisfied within God's limits

- Crossing the boundry in our minds
- We have to understand what the highest good for another person is

Concupiscence: Lust, overly strong, driving desire or appetite

- To be ruled or controlled by strong desires is not God's will for us

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Sensuality: The self gratification of the physical sense; seeking to satisfy the old nature instead of growing as a new creation in christ
- God designed pleasure for us but He did not design us for pleasure
- When pleasure becomes our focus it becomes destructive

Defrauding: To use, to deceive, to misrepresent, to take advantage of, to manipulate, to hold back what is due or take what is not due
The boundery for our hearts is the boundry of love
There are boundaries for your attitudes
Set high expectations for your romantic relationship
Preparing my mind and emotions for marriage

1 I must give up my right to sex and marriage and learn to be content with my present
- An unhappy single person will continue to be unhappy as a married person
- Find your contentment in God

2 Take time to learn how to develop non-Romantic relationships with the opposite sex

3 Determine to Please God ⇒ We often leave God out of relationships, particularly romantic

4 Pursue personal wholeness and freedom
- freedom from sinful habits
- freedom from life-controlling issue

Surrender

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- freedom to grow on the inside and not be consumed by external appearances
- freedom from needing to get married

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Nature and Character of God

- The gospel must be transmited in 4 ways.
  - Spiritual
  - Social
  - Wisdom
  - Physical
- A holistic gospel
- We want people to discover God according to their own understanding
  - come to their place and love them after.
  - discover which aspects of their life are opportunities to demonstrate God.
- Porque creo que lo creo
- Why do you believe what you believe
- How have I imagined God
- Nature: Who God is, Character: How God acts
- Two tools to know God
  - our observations (1)
  - His Word (2)
- God used man to write His word, He also uses man to transmit it.
- There is no limit to our knowledge of God
- The Bible was not created to prove the existence of God... We were created to have the existence of God

1 Natural Observations

- The foundation of our knowledge and experience of God is to accept all the evidence of

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Him that exists in our surroundings
- Human Body
- Personalities and Abilities
- Creation
- The Universe

} All serve the purpose of proving God's existence

- We each create our own truth and our own images of God
  - Does that line up with the truth from the Bible
- When what we read in the Bible doesn't line up with our own truth we should replace our truth completley with Him.
- Don't replace ~~my~~ another's truth with your own truth, replace it with the absolute truth of God
- The Bible should be the foundation of my truth
- God wants us to love Him in a moral and intellectual
  - think → reason → comprehend → act
- God's laws make sense because they are in our hearts (conscience)
- It is so much easier to repent than to make excuses
- Heart: } Spiritual
- Soul: }
- Strength: Physical

Bible → Character Observations → Nature
Our essence tells us that the Bible is true
- We feel it in our hearts and minds when God speaks to us
La Biblia es verdad porque Dios existe
We find peace in the truth of the word of God
We prove that God exists, we are called to show that He exists
All people have a responsibility to God
More truth/understanding of truth → More responsibility to God
We are always learning the truth of God and showing the truth the God
My understanding of the world must unite with my desire to know God in order to find Gods truth
- Our observations must line up with Gods word
- We have to know God with our heart and mind → Our heart and mind should align
Jeremiah 29:13
- We should seek God everyday in everything
- God created man to demonstrate His glory
- God is both transcendent and eminent
- Everyone is seeking God and His truth in different ways
The miracle is not that the Red Sea opened it is that it opened exactly when the

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Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation

Isrealites needed it

- My heart and my mind align for God
- The Bible reveals the love, not the existence of God
- The truth will set you free
  - If my beliefs bond me they are not the truth
- Atheism: There is no God thus there is no truth. Everyone gets to live their own truth
- Christianity is not just another religon we are called to live and demonstrate Truth
- There is an absolute truth
- Its not enough to just believe the truth we must live it and show it
- Look to God with humility, love, and respect
- How do you define morality
  - La ley
- We already have all the pieces in our heart. The Bible helps us put them together
- The Bible must live within us

Cosmovision ← Zion

  - How I view the world of God
- I have to constantly go back to the truth of God and make sure that my ~~mind~~ Worldview and my life line up

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An atheistic view of God → I have the truth but I am not going to force it on another
- Relative faith
- Complacent faith

- Do I use love as an excuse for my unwillingness to share the truth?
- It's hard to shake lies we have believed our whole lives
- We are convicted when the things that we believe in our minds enter into our hearts
- Not the God of my parents or my church
Mi Propio Dios
Romans 12:1-2 Memorize it and use it Constantly
- No teacher speaks 100% of Gods truth we are all shaped by our own views
- Make sure everything lines up with the Word, the truth of God
- The Bible: the divine word - inspired by God written by humans

Old Testament: 39 books/30 authors/1400 years
New Testament: 27 books/8 authors/50-100 years

- If something about God doesn't make sense to me I have to search for the truth
- I am called to be sincire and intament with God
- I don't just get to take and hold on to the parts of Christianty that makes sense to me

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With all your heart, Soul, and Mind

- I have always had a theological concepts of God
- Within one ultimate truth there can exist multiple theological concepts
- Theology: Science of God who has revealed himself through this world
- The Bible doesn't make sense to me if I don't view it through the lens of myself and this world
- It's hard to understand how to look to ourselves in order to understand God
  - Who am I?
  - How do I relate to God?
  - Where do I see God
- Our view of God should not be defined by theology it should be defined by our experience and refined by theology.
- Plato coined the term theology as the understanding of the divine from the use of reason
- We complicate our relationship
- Often times our religon complicates our relationship
- We need to read the Bible simply with God in order to understand
- My faith must be experential/relational not simply intelectual

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- Two main theological ideas
  - Traditional Theology (closed) > Both are Biblical
  - Open Theology
- Sometimes these seem to contradict each other and they create conflict
  - Which is the truth
- We have the right to believe in God the way we want to but as long as it lines up with the Bible
- In Big things: Unity
  In Small things: Liberty
  In all things: Love

In Essentials: Unity
In non-essentials: Liberty
In all things: Love

Humility

- With everything I hear I have to go to God and ensure that it is truth

Within us we know what we should do
Know me, understand me, show me
We are simply humble messengers of the truth
Elohim: 3 people in one, Plural of Man in Hebrew

Isaiah 45:5
Isaiah 57:15
Revelation 4:8
1 John 4:16

> Glorify God

I must make the constant decision to please Gods heart.

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Nature and Character of God

1. A trinity of personal spiritual Beings
   - Ephesians 4:4-6
   - The Old Testament emphasizes the Unity of God because the plurality of God was confusing to the jews
   - The New Testament strongly affirms the idea of the trinity
   - 2 Corinthians 13:14
   - Una trinidad unidad y personalidades compuestas
   - Often times Elohem is used with a singular verb indicating a profound unity of action
2. The trinity is spiritual in essence
   - Gods essence is immaterial
   - When we call out with all of our heart God comes
   - The essential being of the Godhead never has and cannot be seen by our earthy material consciousness)

- God will not do anything if I do not go first He will wait

- We can't discover God without His word
- Get into the Bible
- I must open up my soul and allow Him in
- We have a personal relationship with God but He can also speak through

our relationships with other
- God cares for those who are consent in their submission to him
- Our relationship isn't about holiness it's about moral correctness
  - Not about speaking eloquently
  - Not about Praying to be seen
- The phariseS were eloquent and religous
Live right and God gives you Holiness
God protects us and walks with us if we live rightly
God changes His plans according to a recognition of our rebellion or humiliation
- not because He wanted to
God is always watching our actions and our hearts
- Thank you God for being personal and relational
- Impossible for my eyes, impossible for my mind But God is limitless
The trinity is represented as having personality
- experiences different emotions depending on the attitude of man
We recieve Gods mercy in a moral law of love
Why does God allow me to make decision
God know wickedness, but did not create it
- He decides to live in love and waits for us to do the same
Are we born with sin? How does that affect free will

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5 Points of the trinity
1. 3 people in 1
2. Different personalities in unity
3. It is spiritual in essence
4. It exists in eternity but also has a succession of thoughts, experiences, and decisions in a chronology of events
5. Has personality
- We have to first look at God and then compare ourselves to Him

Natural Attributes of God
- Omniscient Psalms 147:5 Job 37:16
- Omnipotent
- Omnipresent 1 King 8:22,27 Psalm 139:7-10
- Eternal Gn 21:33 Rev 4:8

- Omnipresence: God's presence is manifested in His throne in heaven

- More truth = more responsibility
- You're going to leave but you won't leave the same
- He has the power to do anything but only works for our own benefit
- In His sovereignty God has moral attributes
  - en la trinidad
  - Pueden escoger
  - tienen una causa de voluntad
  - es la accion moral de Dios

Tiene que ser la luz que estas hablando de

In order to have moral attributes God must have a character
We have to understand Gods personality first before we can understand our own
The trinity has intellegence, the faculty of reason, and the ability to self-asses
God has free will (the right power of self-direction and self-decision)
Moral actions are constant decisions
Natural attribute: quality or feature algo que tenemos
Moral attribute: something that we create algo que creamos
In order to have moral attribute, we must understand the truth
John 1:5
As we have more exposure to the world are belief / values are challenged and we can change
- Our views on God and sin can change
Gods Moral Attributes
1) Love: greatest / most importent
- Love is a decission
- La amor humano es limite
- Our love and Gods love is the same
- Love everytime you get hurt
- The intention is to give love not recieve it
- God is good, Gods love is good
- Love is part of our intellect

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- We choose to live rightly or wrongly regarless of the circumstance
- Love has always been here
- Am I doing my part to encourage christs second coming
- When we have the light of God the dark cant touch us
- We are simply messengers
  - Our message speaks louder through our actions
- El hombre es mandado a seguir el ejemplo de Dios en la decision continua de amor

(2) Holiness: An attribute of love
- living in love makes you Holy
- We cant pursue holiness
- Holiness is not something that we have it is something that defines us
- We are Holy because He is holy
- Todo es de so gloria

(3) Righteousness: An attribute of love
- quality of will
- We are not righteous but we are called to live rightously
- God is the final rightous judge

(4) Benevolencia / Mercy: an attribut of love
- Es sufrir vivir en amor
- Mercy is living in a state of love for those who dont deserve

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- We are hurt but we forgive
- Mercy is our translation of Gods grace
- God is the judge not us

We are on this earth to represent Gods moral attributes

1) Wisdom: An attribute of love
   - intellectual ability to deferentiate between the good and bad and hopefully choose good
   - we choose to live in wisdom
2) Reliable: An attribute of love
   - Constantly ~~action~~ acting in truth
   - actions / words need to line up
3) Fidelity: An attribute of love
   - He doesn't change
   - He never stops supporting us

God's natal Attributes

Man was created in the image of God with ~~ability~~
- Intellect
- emotion
- free will

Everything we do B
- a decision of our will
- made with intelligence
- guided by our emotions / experiences
- ~~determined~~ suppressed or denied by our conscience

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Deuronomy 11:26
Is 66:3-4
Deuteronomy 30
God wants to know me
love Its not an emotion its an intellectual decision
Live for Gods truth not mine
Romans 2:8

Destiny by Design

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I have guilt about the things I know I should
, but don't do
- YWAM wants to shrink the gap between what I
Know and what I do
Our pride makes us more concerned with increasing
what we know than what we do
If we don't let God change our hearts and
inds we will struggle with the same sins
- We will just disguise them in holiness
omans 12:1-2
God will show me my heart. I have to make
he decision to change it.
"God bless what I'm doing" "God bless what I
ant to do"
We each have our own weakness
- Mine
Taking hold of your Calling
We have to know ourselves in order to understand
God's guidence
- Calling - experiences - gift
- dreams - personality - network
- identity
As we understand God and ourselves our
ision of our purpose narrows
eremiah 1:5
A calling is not something we get to choose
- is chosen before we are born and lasts our
whole lives

- We have to use the tools given to us in the DTS in order for it to be worthwhile
  - I don't want to leave here the same
- I've become a Christian, but I think the same way
- If I involve God in every aspect of my life everything is holy
  - Nothing is secular
- Homework:
  - What did I like to play as a kid?
  - What were my dreams as a child?
  - What are my dreams now?
  - Bucket List (10 things)
- We can't know why we were created without knowing the creator
- If I do something for God and still feel empty, He probably didn't ask me to do it.
- We are limited by the expectations of our family or our culture
- We care what authority figures in our life think
  - Many times people know what to do with our lives even when they don't know what to do with theirs
- We can't trust anyone more than God



The problem isn't my strength it's my mind.

Just because I can't do something now doesn't mean I never can.
I will not end my life they way I am now if I put in effort and work hard
But I will if I'm to afraid of failure to try
Not making a decission is deciding to let someone else make them for me
If your going to make mistakes do it because you were trying to do what was right and didn't know any better
God will help us if we earnestly seek Him

Hebrews 11:6
Mark 10:27
Zechariah 4:6

God is made strong in my weakness
If I can do it without Him it probably isn't His will

What I enjoyed as a child:
- Swimming / Anything inuduing water
- Being at the ranch / Being in the mountains
- Going to school / Playing School
- Being with my family (Daddy in particular)
- Recognizing Peoples emotions / acknowledging them
- Reading

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My dreams as a Kid

- Be a teacher
- Be an astronaut
- Be a marine bioligist
- Be a baker
- Work in government

My dreams Now

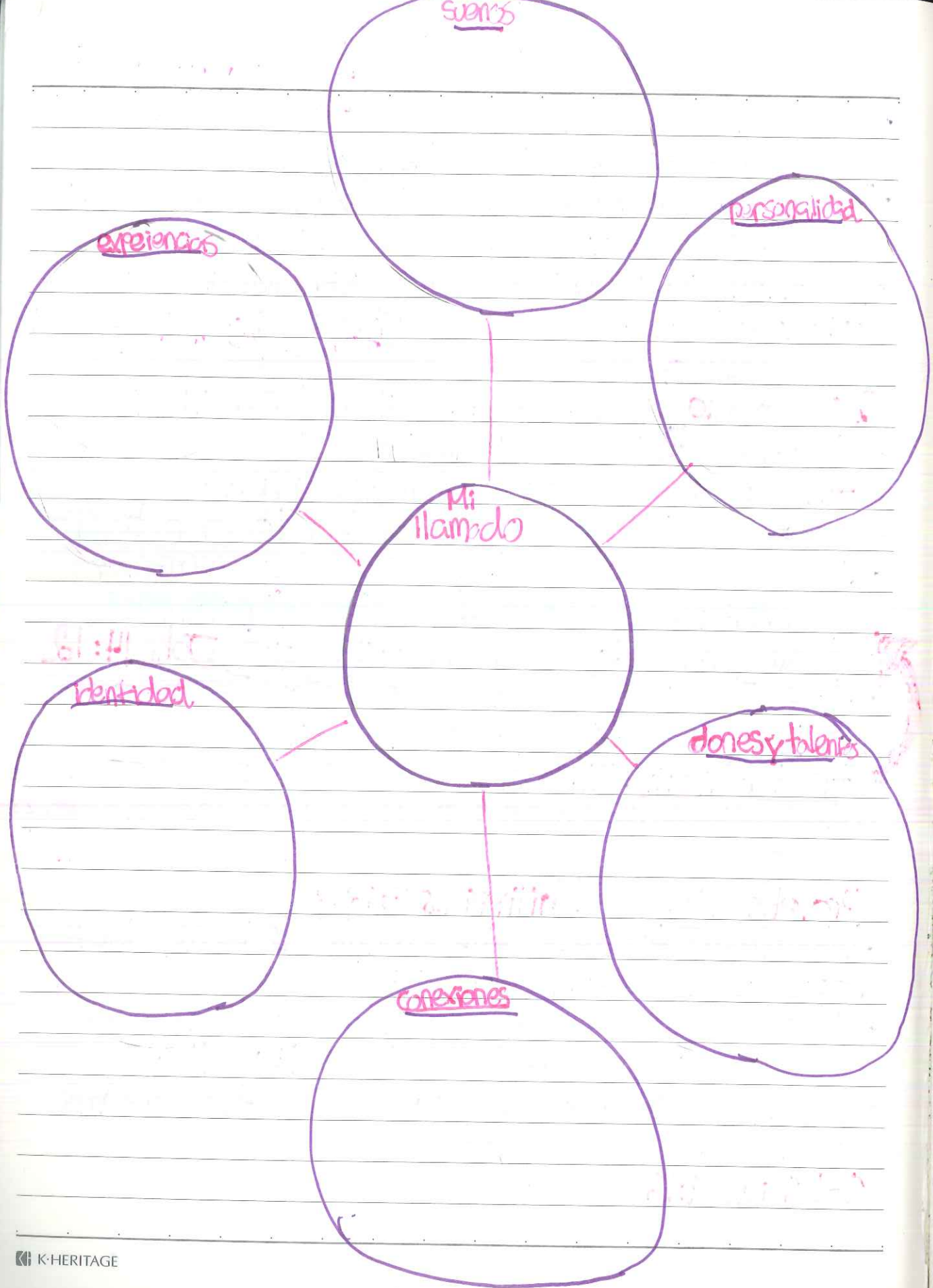
- Become a judge
- Bake for a living
- Work with cleft kids
- Provide for My Parents

Bucket List:

1. Ride an elephant
2. Take a cooking class in Italy
3. Heliski
4. Learn to Surf
5. Do an extended mission with natives
6. Speak about God to a large group
7. Learn to dance
8. See the Sistine chapel
9. Crash an extravagent wedding
10. Find my Spirtual gift and put it to use

Many times we would prefer a guide to our lives over a relationship with The Guide
One bad experience and we don't want to try again because we don't want to feel pain.
We often over complicate and over mystify our calling
- if there's something I love doing it is probably my calling
2 Timothy 1:9 According to His will not our works
Matthew 4:19 Umbrella calling
- how is more specific and more difficult
We share the gospel according to our talents
We are called to improve our character
James 1:4 Complete... lacking in nothing
We are called to co-create with God John 14:12
Have I paid the price to follow Jesus or am I just following for my benefit
Greater Works: We can share the gospel to the whole world we are not limited to a certain group like Jesus was
Proverbs 29:18 Philippians 3:13,14
We need to see the whole picture, but focus on something specific
We must pray to make sure God shares our dream and then work hard to achieve them
We have to pay the price for the dreams God has put on our heart
Colossians 1:16

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sueños
personalidad
experiencias
Mi llamado
identidad
dones y talentes
conexiones

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- If I don't need other people to fulfill my dream it's Probably just my own dream
  - things that unite us are from God

Zechariah 4:10 Don't despise small things

Matthew 13:31-35

- How do I go before God → What level of relationship do I have with Him
- 7 Spheres of influence: gavernment, Buisness/science/tech, family, Arts/entertainment, education, Church/religon
- We can't excepect to go into the world and serve God and stay strong in God on our own
  - The culture IS powerful to influence us
  - The culture IS hard to influence

Don't be afraid to fail/make mistakes

Luke 8:1-15

- Path: We doubt that are dreams are from God and never pursue them
- Rocks: We start out excited by our dreams but are overtaken by fear (particularly fear of man)
- Thorns: We start out well but get distracted by worldly goals/gains. Instant gratification make us forget His vision
- Good Soil: Produce fruit

It's not going to happen just because it is God's dream I have to put in work

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TIME TABLE

		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	Subject						
	Teacher						
2	Subject						
	Teacher						
3	Subject						
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→ There are always exceptions:
Todos tene una area greis
→ We judge things according to our life experience (cultural lense)

Differences in Climate

Warm

- Relationship oriented
  - Priority is friendly / fun environment
- Direct positive communication / indirect negitive communication
  - difficult to seperate who I am from what I do.
- Inclusion
  - If you want to share something you have it in the open
- Can show up anywhere from 5 min early to 10 mins late

Cold

- Task Oriented
  - Priority is productivity
- Direct positive and negitive communication
  - Can seperate the situation from the person
  - takes things less personally
- Privacy
  - responsible for taking care of their own things
- Prompt: People are expected to be on time or a bit early

- The first step: Believing that He wants to talk to me This is where most people fail
  - Somewhere in my life I began to believe that I am less than other people in spiritual things
  - If I dont believe that God wants to talk to me I wont be able to hear him
  - Our beliefs about others and our beliefs about our selfs define how we hear the Words of Others In human relationships
  - Our beliefs about God and our beliefs about ourselves determine whether or not we can hear him speak to us
- Why does God want to speak to us
  - tell us our purpose
  - encourage us
- "If God wants to me... If not sure I want to hear"
  - Why do we think God would say something negative
- God wants a relationship with us and a relationship is impsible sin Communication
  - Can I really say I have a relationship w/ God if Im not Communicating with him
  - Necesito creer que Dios quiere un relacion con mi
- Religous v. Relational Prayers

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- People who struggle to hear God often don't fully believe that God is good
  - Trust issues coming from our past experiences
  - Where am I at in my thoughts and images with God
    - Be honest
- I am here today because I want to have a relationship with God because I want to believe that God is good
  - I have made the first step in faith by being here
- Lay your honest doubts and opinions before the Lord
- Application of information created transforms
- My images of God. Why can't I trust God?
- My challenges in hearing his voice Lies
  - God doesn't fit into my practical, skeptical worldview
  - I feel unworthy
  - I don't feel as though I have had enough experiences with God to understand it
  - My family culture is one of disbelief
  - I let worldly representation of God shape my own opinion about him.
  - I want to stay in control.
- I know the voice of God already but the above things distort His voice.
  - They change the voice of God or block it

Lay these down in front of God

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recognizing the lies I believe and desire to instead know the truth John 8:31-32
- "Here I am Lord Speak for your servant Listens" ✡✡
- The older we get the more barriers we create - accumulation of things we haven't dealt with
- We need a childs faith to hear God - we all start out trusting, the world teaches us not to Jesus calls us to relearn to trust
- When we are in relationship with God we begin to understand his heart and we can begin to ask for this in accordance with His Will
- God is pursuing intimacy with me - God communicates in a whisper b/c I have to be close to Him to hear
- I need child like trust and a willingness for intimacy in order to live a life hearing God
- Our Biblical beliefs and emotional experiences often come in conflict with one another.
- If we are going to be hearing God What are we expecting Him to say
- There are 3 categories of things God wants to speak to us about.

Big first things

the way I believe

- Conviction of the Holy Spirit: God talking to us when we have done something wrong
- It is very easy for a voice of conviction in our head to become condemnation
- Condemnation causes us to shut down because it sees no hope
- Conviction allows us to be forgiven and walk forward
- The responce to conviction that works is confession and asking God what to do about it
- A voice of condemnation is one of the enemies of the voice of God
- We struggle to hear the voice of God because we have already embraced so many others
- Rest in the shadow of my strength

He is jealous for me

Dios tiene Celoso

- God's jelousy is out of love for us
- God what am I doing that is making you jelous

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- I have to believe when the spirit of God takes the Word of God and makes it personal for me
- Acknowledge God when he speaks to you and say thank you
- When I hear the Lord speak I must respond in faith
- I have ignored you God, forgive me
  - when we ignore/disobey God our spiritual ears begin to close

1 Corinthians 3:3

- Hearing God and speak through him takes practice
- Faith will require some sort of action
  - often times ignoring = disobeying

Gods going to jump out of your box Be ready

- God always gives to us so that we can then give to others

God blesses us so that we may then bless others

The more I recieve the more I am expected to give to others

But first I must recieve

- How do I know if the direction I recieve is coming from God
- In the world we live in it is easy to be decieved

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Philippians 2:3-8

Jesus provided an example for us. → He humbled himself setting aside his glory and power for us

-What does that mean for me

What rights must I give up to follow Jesus

- money
- family
- safety
- control
- comfort
- pride / dignity
- life
- future
- marriage

} American ideals?

Seek Jesus for relationship not for salvation

We come to Jesus and give him our sin our trash but he also wants our treasure

- We don't totally trust

Where you put your treasure or your heart is.

- Jesus wants our heart

Have no other Gods before me

- We can make a God out of almost anything
- Anything that takes the majority of my time, energy, hope, and affection is my God

Maybe Jesus isn't my Lord What is?

When Jesus is the Lord of my life things begin to change

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- Love for God is inseperable from obidience
  - We must obey and respond to God
- Choosing the highest God for myself is choosing to let God and let others love me
- The highest good for me is in relation with the one who loves and knows me
- The highest good for me is not what makes me feel good
- Sometimes the highest good for me is the word no
- Our emotions should follow our will
  - emotions our good when they are in their proper role
- The Word of God should guide our will
- Ultimatley fear is a great respect
  - We have great respect for things that dont matter
  - We let this respect control us
  - We recognize that ~~thing~~, the things we fear are more powerful than us
- Fear the Lord: Understand the power and holiness of God and respect
  - honor / obey Him
- Our problems arise when we fear other things more than we fear God
- Fear of man v. fear of God

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- Love is always the highest calling
- Love is the basis for right relationships
- John 13:35: People know God through our love and our relationships with others
- Our success in outreach depends on our ability to relate with / love eachother
- The best way to prepare for outreach is to start loving eachother now

How do I love the people that are not easy to love

- I have to ask the Holy Spirit to help me love
- One day we will come to the end of our own love... We need God
- We know what love you learned through your attitudes and actions

God I want to learn agape

Challenge: Pray this when I am uncomfortable "God what do you want to teach me in this"

- When in difficult situations we often focus on the other person
  - We miss an opportunity to go one step further in understand Gods love
- One of the purposes of right relationships is pointing other people to Jesus

John 17:20-21

- We guard that which is Valuble to us this should included your heart
- My heart is one of the most Valuble things I have
- Guard your heart above all else
- We have to be Wise in our Vulnerability
- We have to Wait... Romantic attraction makes patience hard
- learn how to guard the treasures stored in your heart
- How do I decide who to give my heart to
- I am not a Slave to Romantic attraction. I am in control of my choice

What creates attraction

(1) Physical Appeerce Apariencia fisica
(2) Character Qualities Calidades del caracter
(3) Similarities/Differences Similitudes/Diferencias
(4) Respone of another Respuesta del otro
(5) Inner Needs Necesidades internas
(6) Gods gift of attraction El regalo de Dios la atraccion
- just because God gives me a gift doesn't mean I know how to use it
- Can I be humble enough to admit that I need to learn

What do I do with the attraction I feel?
- At the beginning of the romantic attraction is when we are usually least open to corrective input
- This is different, You don't understand

Feelings of romantic attraction can come and go, but Love is a choice and can go on without them

- Relationships don't have to begin simply because I feel attracted to someone
  - We can be attracted to the wrong person
- Romantic attraction is not what leads my love
- I should and can say no to Romantic attraction when it is wrong for me
  - Wrong timing
  - Wrong person
- Our culture uses dating to train us for divorce
- What is the fuel for romantic attraction?

or

Paths that create/strengthen emotional bonds

- The time you spend together (Pasar tiempo juntos))
  - → Particularly one on one (Particularmente Solos)
- Intimate words shared (Compartir palabras intimas)
  - → Secrets, confessions of attraction (Secretos, confesiones de atracción)
- Physical touch (toque físico)
  - → I don't know how it affects the other person

So I believe God wants the best for me.
Pursuing what I want creates a lot of difficulty
I must learn to trust God's character and
Invite God to be the one who directs me

Hope

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→ it damages the mind: Knowledge God didn't intend you to have outside of a life-long commitment
memories but no one to share them with →
intended to bring joy not regret

→ it damages my will: everytime we sin it becomes easies
When we practice damaging our will before we are married their will is still damaged after they get married
God wanted us to cultivate a strong will

→ it damages my emotions: We become calused, we lose our sensativity
everyone else seems to feel Gods presence I don't → we have lost the sensativity that God intended

② It lacks commitment

→ Marriage is the commitment: Marriage proves the commitment
Prove it: words are cheap

→ Commitment is a choice: It doesn't matter what it feels like

→ Till death do us part

→ Marriage is the best thing we have to prove commitment

→ With a lack of commitment I am wedding myself together with another person only to be ripped apart later

Committing myself to a lifestyle of love

Boundaries for the heart Límites para el corazón

- The old questions: How far can I go without having sex
- God wants us to learn how to embrace boundaries for our own hearts
- Many boundaries remind us to chase the highest good for ourselves and others
- Good rules have good reasons

If we were all really good at loving we would not need rules → they would be in our hearts

- A new question: What are the wisest and most loving actions I can chose in my relationship

Serving God is a transformation of my heart, not a changing of my behavior

- Have I internalized what God wants me to know about love
- It's a matter of internal v. external control

Bible Words for Sinful actions and attitudes

Lasciviousness: To stir up within yourself or another desires which cannot be satisfied within God's limits

- Crossing the boundry in our minds
- We have to understand what the highest good for another person is

Concupiscence: Lust, overly strong, driving desire or appetite

- To be ruled or controlled by strong desires is not God's will for us

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- freedom to grow on the inside and not be consumed by external appearances
- freedom from needing to get married

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im that exists in our surroundings
-Human Body
-Personalities and Abilities } All serve the purpose of proving God's existence
- Creation
- The Universe
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Pueden escoger
tienen una causa de voluntad
- es la accion mural de Dios

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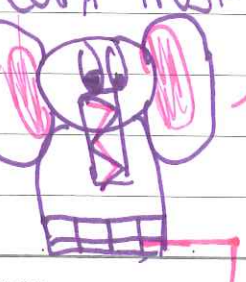
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- We Choose to live rightly or wrongly regarless of the circumstance
- Love has always been here
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e are simply messengeo
- Our message speaks loudest through our actions
l hombre es mandado a seguir el ejemplo
e Dios en la decision continua de amor
Holiness: An attribute of love
living in love makes you Holy
We cant pursue holiness
- Holiness is not something that we have it's something that defines us
- We are Holy because He is holy
- Todo es de so gloria
Righteousness: An attribute of love
quality of will
- we are not righteous but we are called to live rightously
- God is the final rightous judge
Benevolencia / Mercy: an attribut of love
- Es sufrir vivir en amor
- Mercy is living in a state of love for those who dont deserve

euronomy 11:26
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rder for it to be worthwhile
I don't want to leave here the same
e become a Christian, but I think the same
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f I invove God in every aspect of my life every
g is holy
- Nothing is secular
ework:
- What did I like to play as a kid?
- What were my dreams as a child?
- What are my dreams now?
- Bucket List (10 things)
Can't know why we were created without knowing
creator
I do something for God and still feel empty,
probably didn't ask me to do it.
are limited by the expectations of our family
ur culture
Care what authority figures in our life think
Many times people know what to do with our
ves even when they don't know what to do with
theirs
can't trust anyone more than God



The problem isn't my strength it's
my mind.

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My dreams as a Kid

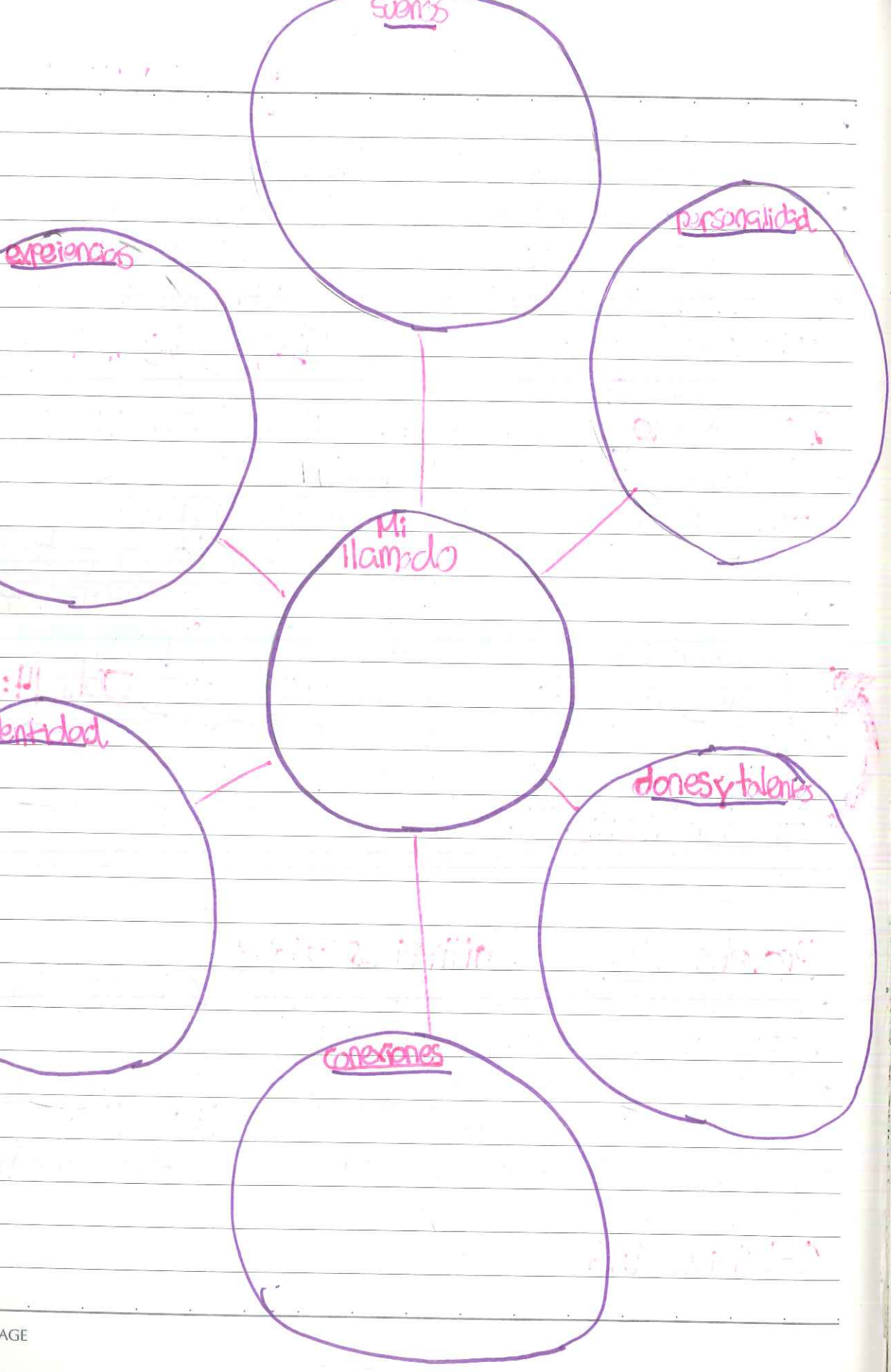
- Be a teacher
- Be an astronaut
- Be a marine bioligist
- Be a baker
- Work in goverment

My dreams Now

- Become a judge
- Bake for a living
- Work with cleft kids
- Provide for My Parents

ucket List:

1. Ride an elephant
2. Take a cooking class in Italy
3. Heliski
4. Learn to Surf
5. Do an extended mission with natives
6. Speak about God to a large group
7. learn to dance
8. See the Sistine chapel
9. Crash an extravagent wedding
10. Find my spirtual gift and put it to use


Sueños
Personalidad
Experiencias
Mi llamado
Identidad
Dones y talentos
Conexiones

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Experiences Experiencias

Trials show us what is in our hearts → God knows but He wants us to discover and repent
- repentance (w/ hope) > Condemnation (w/o hope)

The Holy Spirit dwells in me to change me
Our true character reveals itself in difficult times

Hebrews 12: 1-2

God is not defined by our instantaneous generation
we have to walk with Him and wait
We want to get to our destination, so we want direction from God now. He just wants to drive and build our relationship
John 15: 1-2 God doesn't want us to look good
He wants us to bear fruit
Our experiences help to prune us.
- remove the aspects of our lives that don't bear fruit → don't waste time/energy

My experiences are valuable
My experiences humble me
Mission trip to South Dakota
Graduation Speech
Sermon on the Mount
San Juan Trip with Margaret
8th grade student of the year/other awards
Dad's leg surgery
First year at Liberty
JJ getting caught / Mom's panic attack
My surgeries



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