

The Prodigal Son

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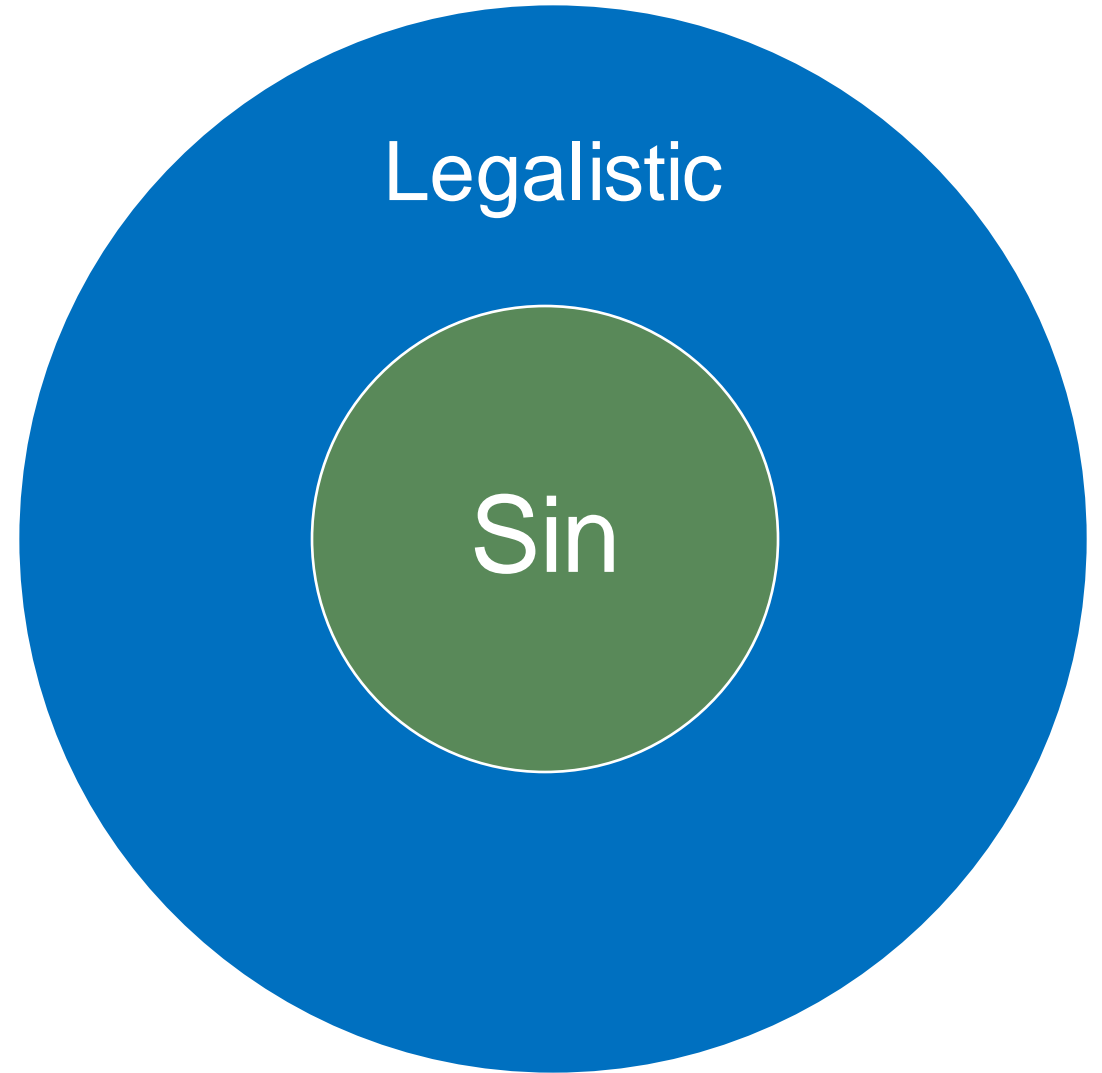
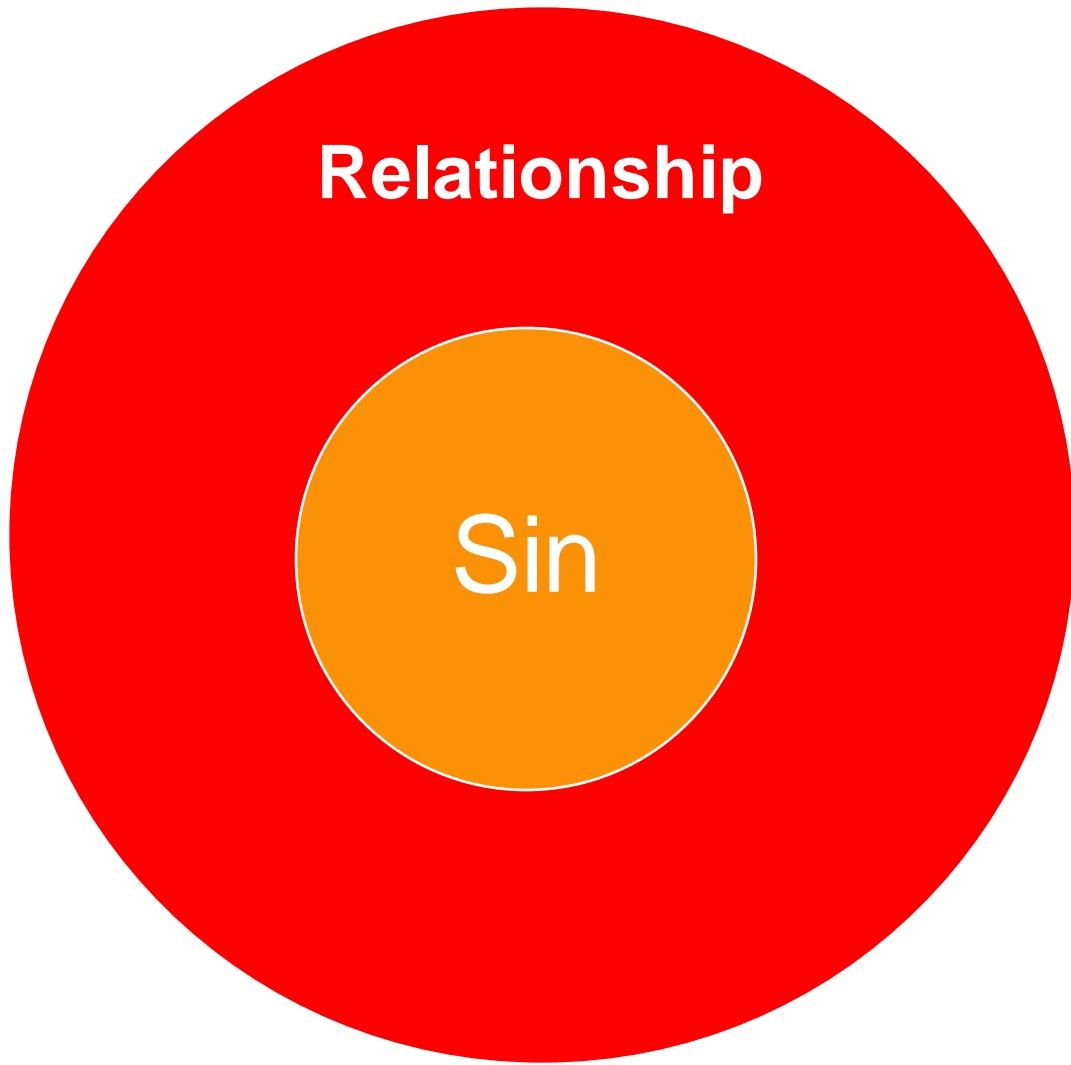
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THE CONFESSION OF A PRODIGAL SON: “I HAVE SINNED”

Luke 15:18, 21
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Context is Everything



What is clear from a survey of sin, sinning, and sinners in the Gospels is the somewhat fluid and malleable nature of the label 'sinner.' The sinners to whom Jesus ministered represented a diverse range of persons who found themselves on the margins of [God's people] for a number of reasons, ranging from victimization to willful disobedience to God.

[Whatever the reason] Jesus saw the restoration, rather than the condemnation and exclusion, of sinners through repentance to be the chief intention of God.

Then God spoke all these words: ["Ten Commandments"]

**I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
Who brought you out of the house of slavery;
you shall have no other gods before me.**

The Parable of the Prodigal Son (and his brother)

**...for I have sinned...
and I am no longer worthy
to be called your son**

Re-defining:

- Sin
- Repentance
- Forgiveness



He Qi, A Christian Chinese Artist

The Parable of the Prodigal Son (and his brother)



◀ The Forgiven/Restored Son

The Lost/Sinner Son ▶



Sin is MORE THAN breaking God's Law... Because God is more than a Law Code



Sin is

**personal because
God is “relational”**

**a consequence (of
and a cause of)
estrangement**



**You don't stop sinning by not doing something
You stop sinning by doing something else**

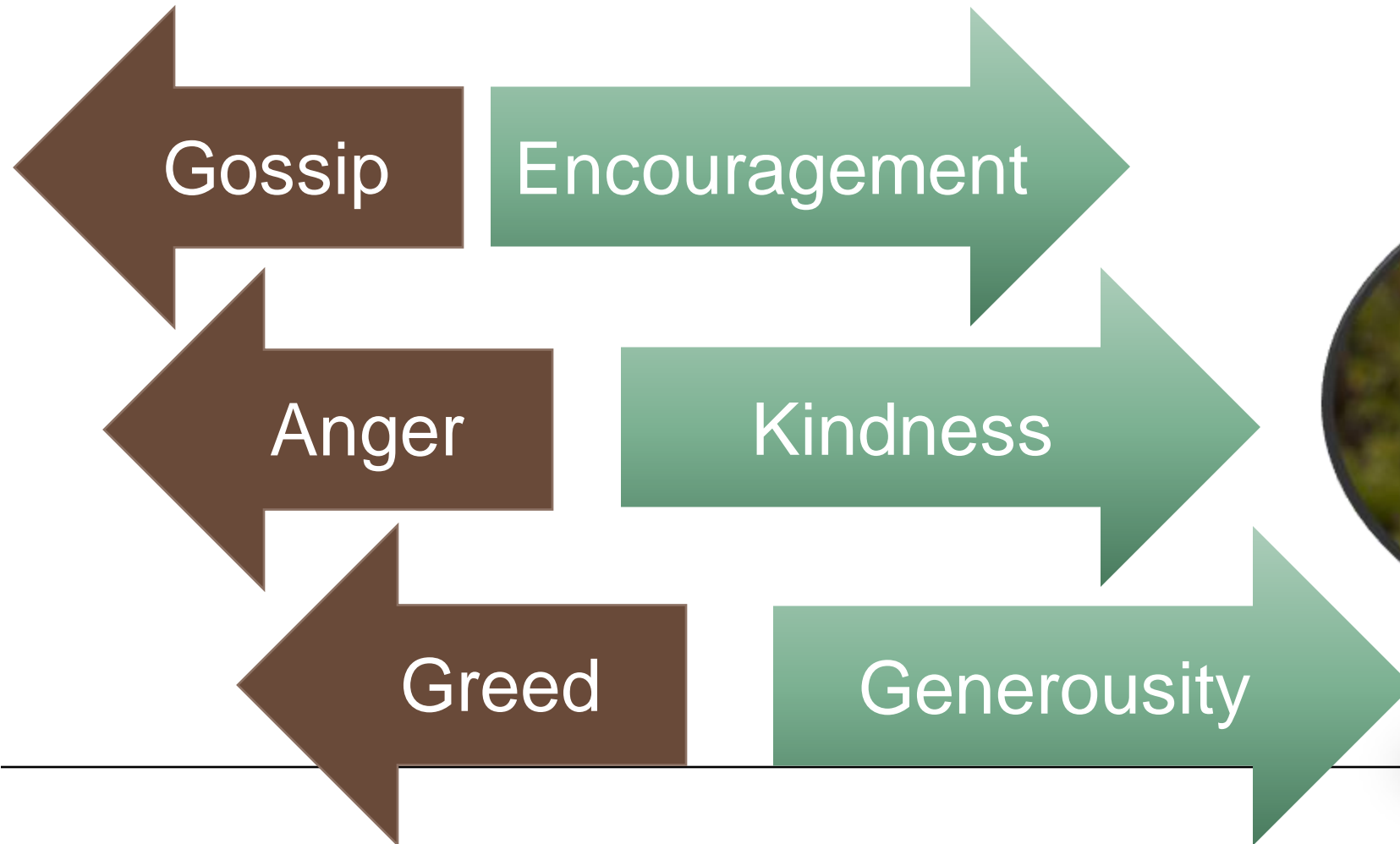
*You stop sinning by drawing nearer to God and doing the godly thing
You have to come home to the Father and live in his company*



**God is
light**

**and in God there is
no darkness at all**

**You don't stop sinning by not doing something
You stop sinning by doing something else**



“Sinners” are not like “criminals” or “debtors”
“Sinners” are like lost “sons”

