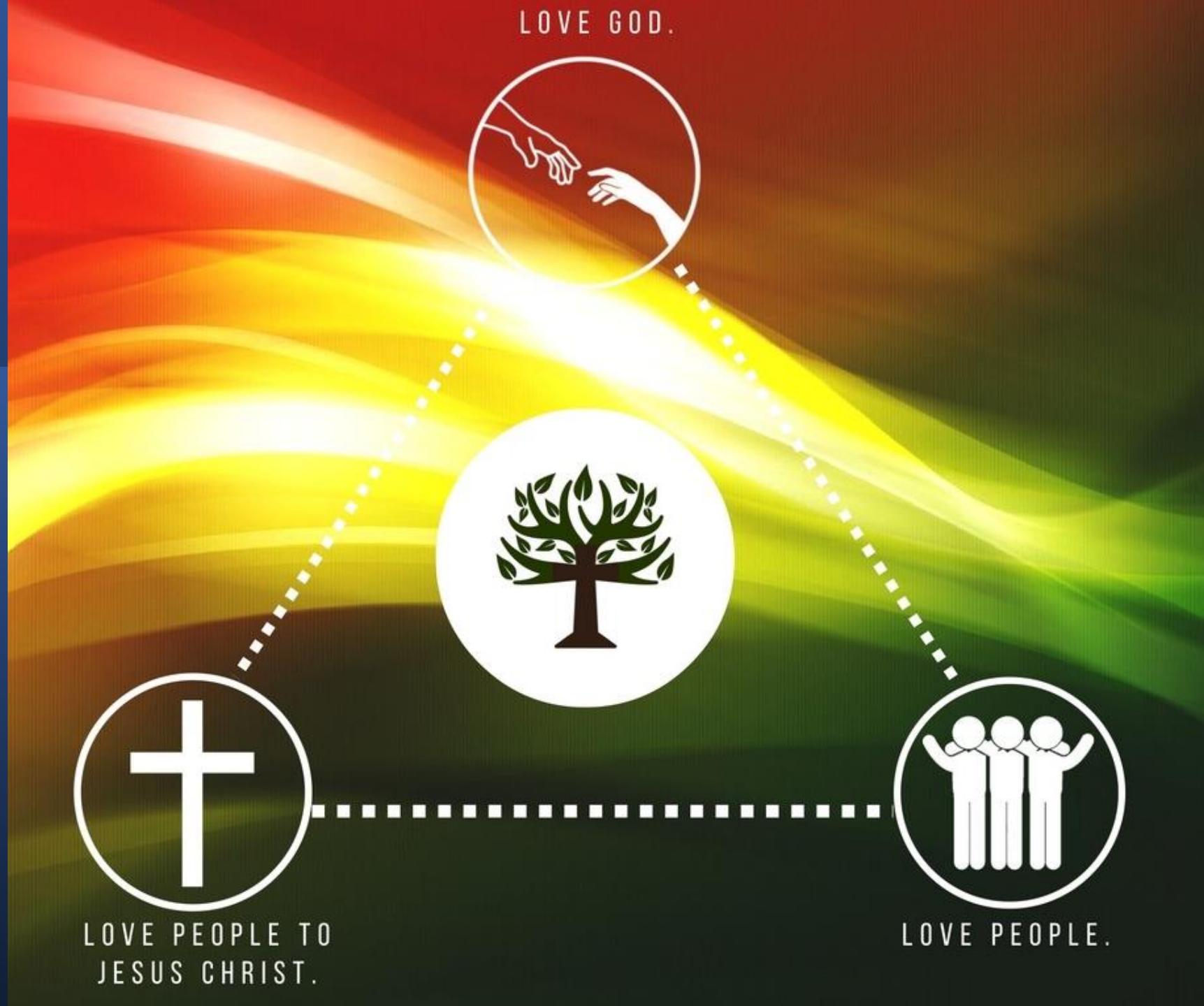




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Talking to God

- God is not interested in a *transactional* relationship but one of deep *intimacy* and love
- Psalm 145:18 The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in *truth*.
- Psalm 43:3 Send out your *light* and your *truth*; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

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- Psalm 42:1-2 As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

Have you ever talked to God this way?

- Psalm 38 (MSG)

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- 2) learn to talk with Jesus in order to *connect* with Him in all of life's joys and difficulties.

Talking to God – necessary characteristics

- Honesty – free of deceit and untruthfulness; sincere
- describing your emotions; your view of something taking place in your life or family's life

Psalm 42:3-4

My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, “Where is your God?”

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

Talking to God – necessary characteristics

- Transparency – having thoughts, feelings and motives that are easily perceived
- not trying to hide something; seeing that something is not right even though you may not understand it;

Psalm 42:5

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation

Talking to God – necessary characteristics

- Soul talk – expressing yourself from the deepest parts of your soul and thoughts

Psalm 42:6-10

My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me.

By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

Psalm 42:6-10

I say to God, my rock: “Why have you forgotten me?
Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the
enemy?”

As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries
taunt me, while they say to me all the day long,

“Where is your God?”

Talking to God – necessary characteristics

- *Soul talk* – expressing yourself from the deepest parts of your soul and thoughts
- “SoulTalk is his way of leading us into a conversation where God is at the center of every life and every relationship in every situation” book review by Phillip Steiger on Larry Crabb’s book “Soultalk”

Psalm 43:3-4

Send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling!
Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the lyre,
O God, my God.



Talking to God

- What awaits me? God Himself who is our *exceeding joy*
- Jesus help me to allow your light and truth to lead me to you to enjoy the intimacy that you so long for me