

**The Refinery Sessions**  
**The Foundation For A Life Of Faith**

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**1. Decide what you \_\_\_\_\_**

Key: What do I \_\_\_\_\_?

**Luke 15:19** *I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.*

**Luke 15:22-24** *But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began.*

**Accurate view:** An indescribably strong and loving Father who cares about every thing in my life.

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ when you are tested**

**Mark 4:37-38** *But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?"*

a) Make this your \_\_\_\_\_

b) Don't let bad news \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

*"God, I don't know what this means. I don't know why this is happening to me. but I know it has nothing to do with how much you love me. It has nothing to do with the fact I am your child. And I refuse to believe anything bad about you."*

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**I've pictured God as...**

\_\_\_ **An angry teacher**, disappointed that I can't get it right.

\_\_\_ **A distant relative**, family yes, but not directly invested.

\_\_\_ **A scolding parent**, always disappointed and critical, expecting perfection

\_\_\_ **Wimpy**; Weak, indecisive, and unable to provide real help

\_\_\_ **An indifferent stranger**: Uncaring, uninterested, and unconcerned with my well-being

\_\_\_ **A carnival barker**: Presenting 3 cups and making me guess: Manipulative and hiding the truth

\_\_\_ **A puppeteer**: Controlling, dictating my every move, and limiting my freedom.

\_\_\_ **A kind old grandpa**: Loving, caring, but out of touch and unable to relate to my modern life.

\_\_\_ **An abusive parent**: Harsh, punitive, and demanding obedience without love.

\_\_\_ **An insecure friend**: Seeking validation and approval from me, rather than offering support.

\_\_\_ **A greedy king**: Self-centered, demanding my loyalty and worship above all else.

\_\_\_ **A manipulative mother**: Coercing me into doing what she wants, using guilt or emotional blackmail.

\_\_\_ **A golden retriever**: Happy-go-lucky, carefree, and oblivious to my struggles.

\_\_\_ **A fickle friend**: Sometimes there, sometimes not, depending on His mood or behavior.

He will not shame you, belittle or abuse you.

He will not trick or tease you.

He will not laugh at or make fun of you.

He will not talk about you behind your back, stab you in the back or tell you to be more like your sister or brother.

He will not cheat on or betray you.

His eyes are not narrowed at you.

His ears are not closed to you.

His nose is not turned up at you.

His hands are not harsh with you, and you do not leave a bad taste in his mouth.