

TRAINING

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be^[c] in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

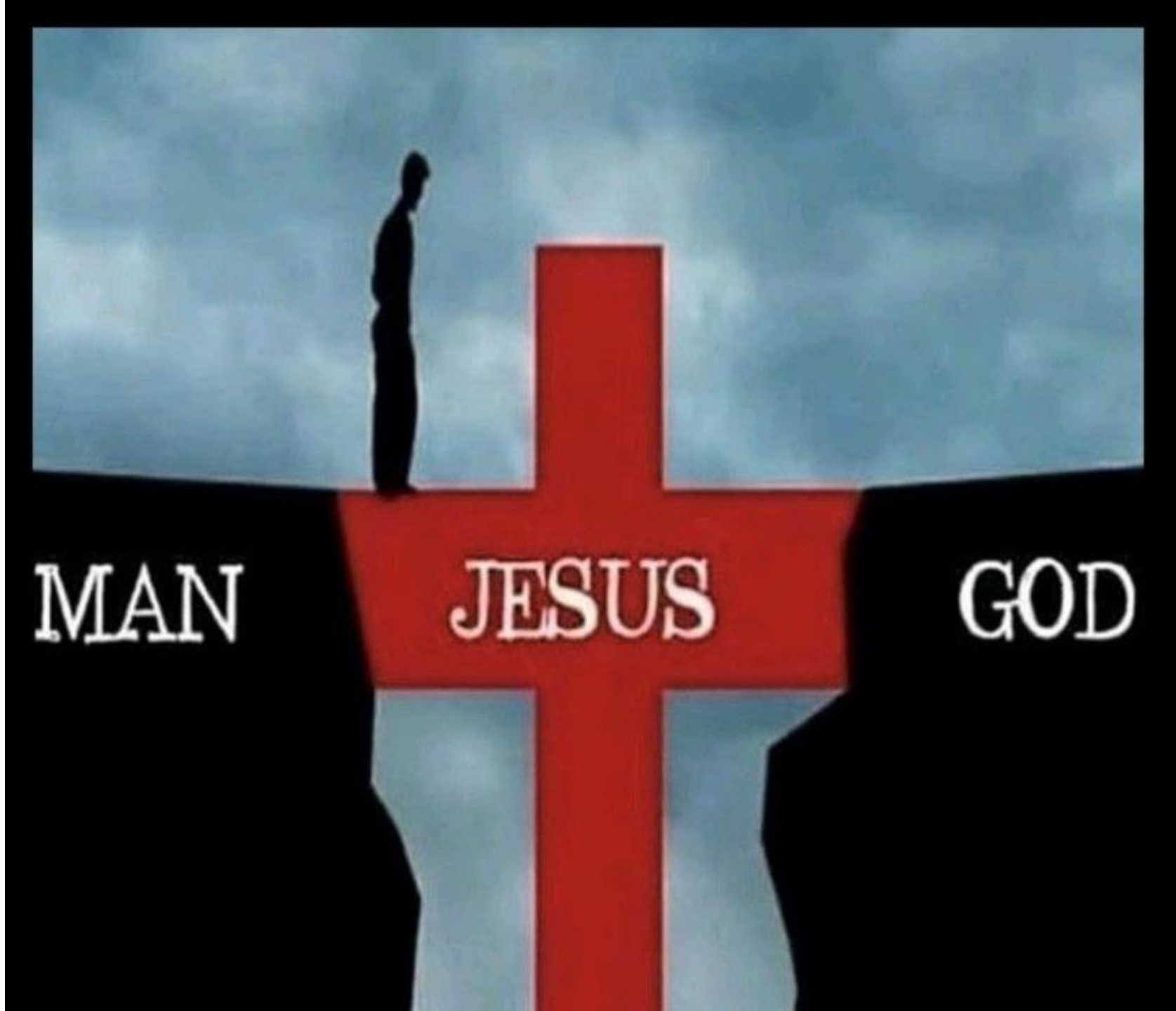
²² Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

²³ Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid

²⁸ “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. ³⁰ I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, ³¹ but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

“Come now; let us leave.



MAN

JESUS

GOD

distant and intangible

A correct view

Isaiah 59:2

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.”

Colossians 1:21

“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.”

Exodus 33:20

“you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”

An incorrect view

Father → Old Testament era

Son → New Testament era

Spirit → present or future era

Exodus 33:20

“you cannot see **the father's** face, for no one may see **the father** and live.”

Bad theology isn't good for you

Example: The Father = Old testament

written much longer ago

It's long and often confusing

We deserve wrath

Seems to deal collectively,
not individually

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Distant

Unrelatable

Don't mess with him,
Jesus is the nice one

Doesn't really know me

The trinity has always
been present

God's character is consistent,
old testament, new testament, and now

Let us make man in our image. The spirit hovering The word was with god, and was god

Appeared as 3 men to Abraham The person who wrestled with Jacob Can't show Moses his face

Shares his spirit with 70 elders The spirit who empowered Samson

Samson, whose parents saw god, and didn't die! The god who showed grace to Ninevah

The same grace upon grace revealed by the son The same son whom the father spoke about at his baptism

The same son whom the spirit drove out into the wilderness The same son who continued to work through
the church after he had ascended

The same church in whom the spirit filled and raised Dorcas to life in mercy, and put Ananias to death in wrath

The Father

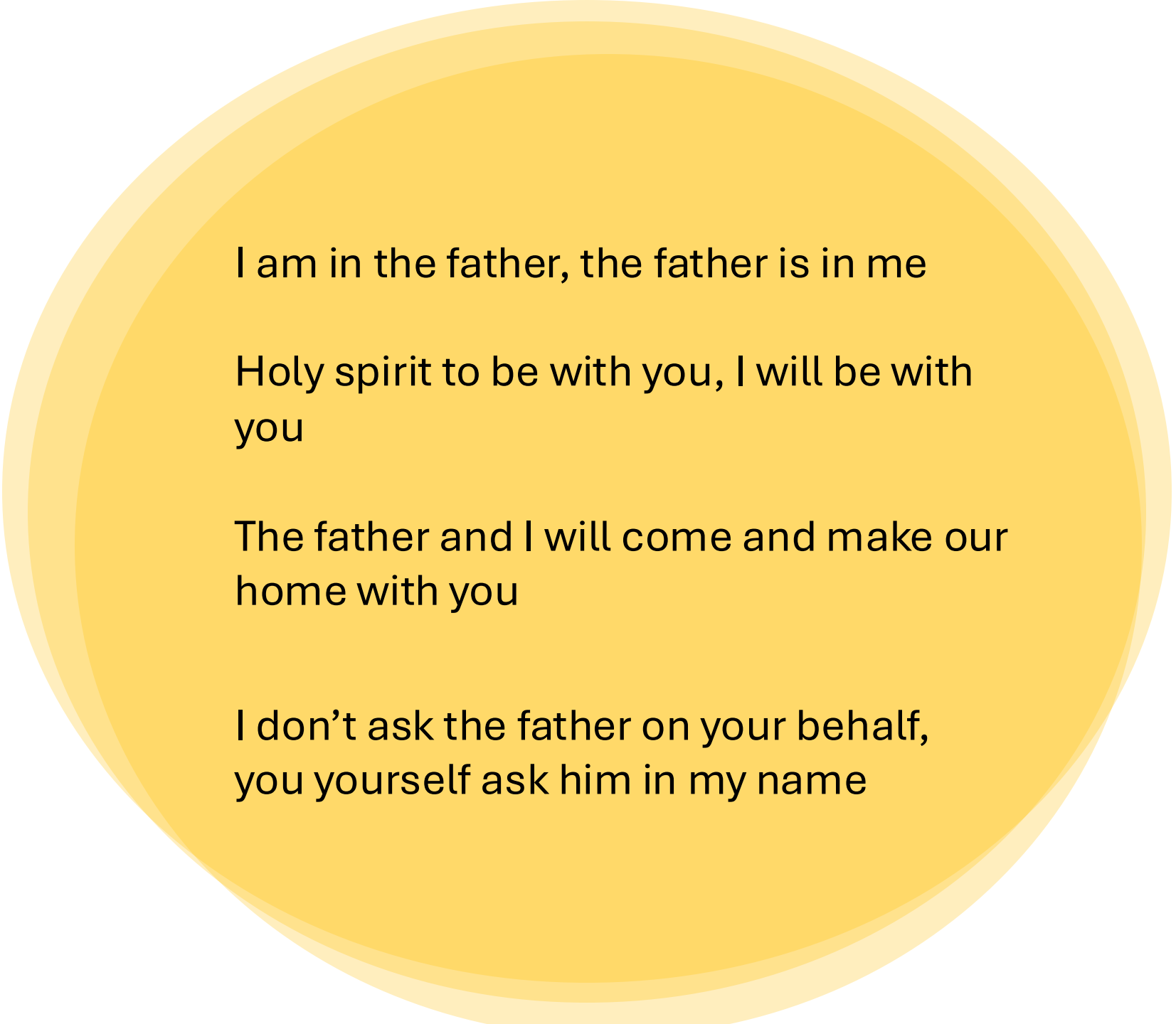
Wrong

The Son

The Spirit

Not concentric circles of closeness.

Not steps towards the real deal, or a greater experience



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Holy spirit to be with you, I will be with
you

The father and I will come and make our
home with you

I don't ask the father on your behalf,
you yourself ask him in my name