

Week 4 ~ Books

moving mercy

A five-week journey into the
experience of forgiveness



A man had two sons

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The Prodigal Son,
the Waiting Father,
and the Elder Brother

Luke 15

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The younger son
comes to his senses...

*and then he begins
the journey home*

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T'shuvah

metanoia

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Come on home

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Come to the feast

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T'shuvah

*Begins with God declaring
our goodness and his
invitation to 'come on home'*

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Two sons

Two visions of God:

Fatted calf



or



Scrawny goat

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Two servants

*In Matthew 18, Jesus tells
another story about
2 servants / slaves*

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Two servants

One servant (Bob) owed a truck-load of money to the King

*10,000 talents**

(A talent was worth 20 years of labour)

**About \$12 billion*

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Two servants

The other servant (Tom) owed a smaller amount to Bob

*100 denari**

(A denari was worth a day's wage)

** About \$20,000*

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Relationship with God - Positives

Write down all the good things you've done and all the terrible things you haven't done!

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God

Relationship with God - Negatives

Write down all the bad things you've done that may cost you points with God; mention all the dark things you have done in secret...

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Relationship with others - Positives

Write down the names of the people that you like and that like you or love you. Also write down all the good things you've done with friends / family and all the terrible things you haven't done!

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others

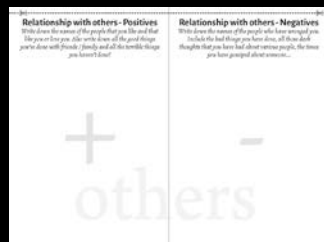
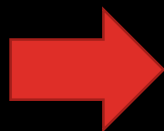
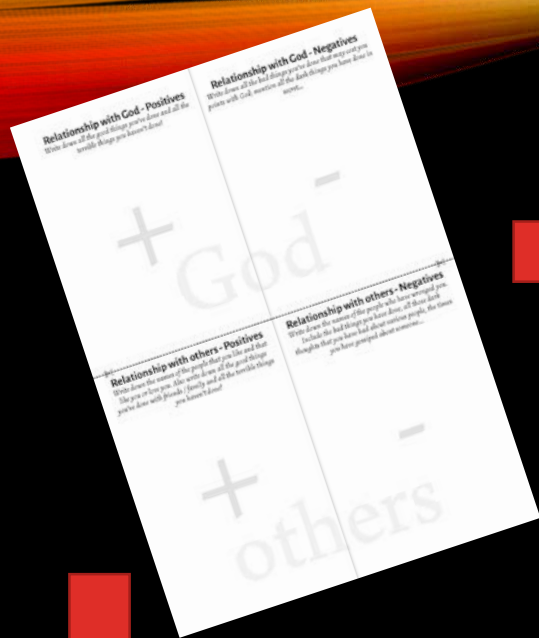
Relationship with others - Negatives

Write down the names of the people who have wronged you. Include the bad things you have done, all those dark thoughts that you have had about various people, the times you have gossiped about someone...

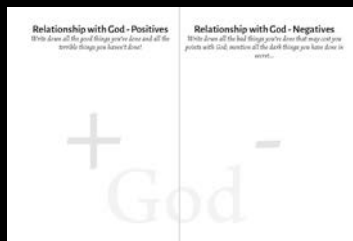
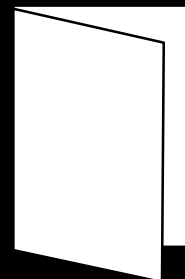
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Class: this is your homework!

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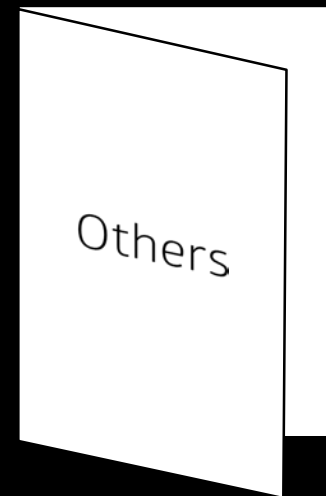
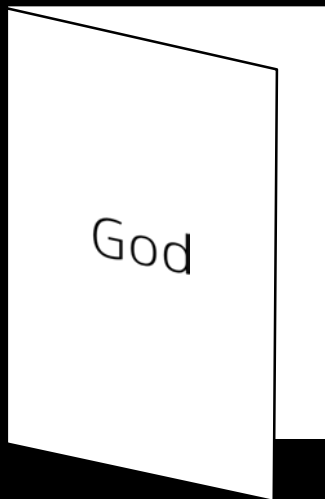


Take the piece of A4 paper



- Fold it in half along the dotted line
- Tear / cut it in half – to make 2 A5 sized pieces of paper: God & Others
- Then fold each of those in half along the line

(Optional) Write on the front cover of one booklet “God” and on the second “Others”

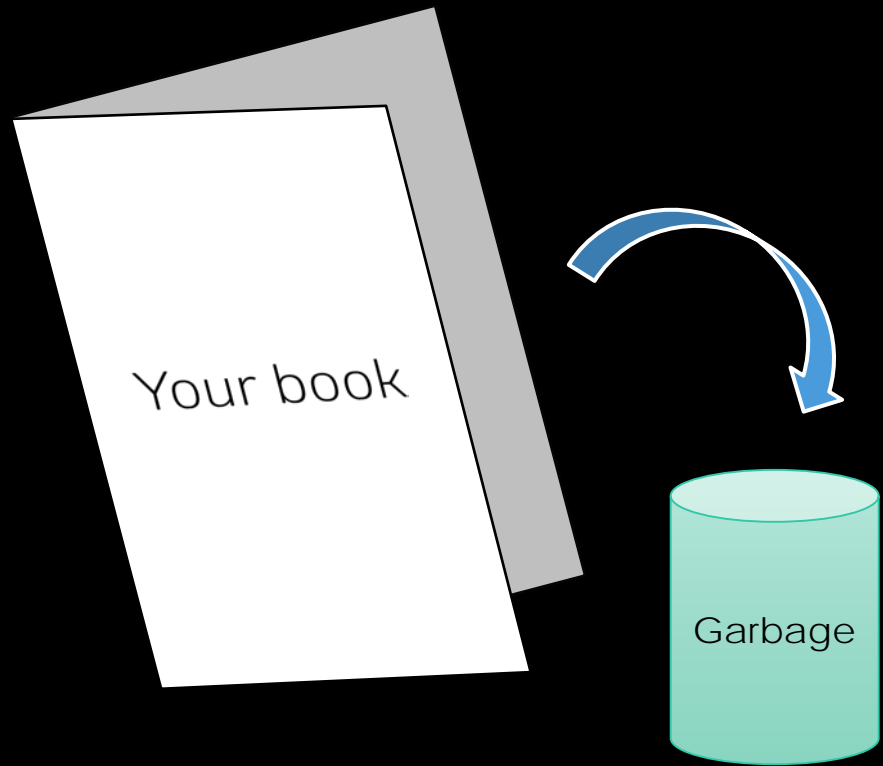


Tortured by books

- The Master (God) threw away his book, had compassion on Bob (Servant 1) and forgave Bob all his debt, so that Bob could live in freedom
- **But Bob was not free – he couldn't forgive Tom**

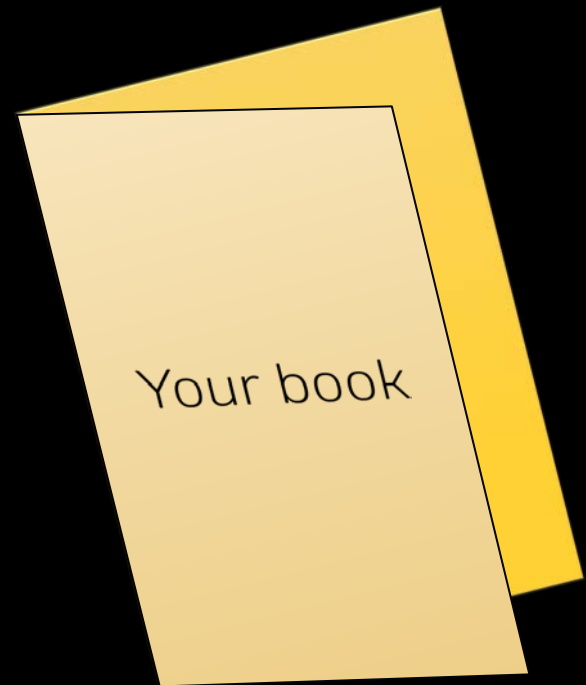
Matthew 18:21-35

The gospel is a story about a God who throws away his book and the point-keeping system.



But if we want to hold
onto our book,
he will let us.

The choice is ours.

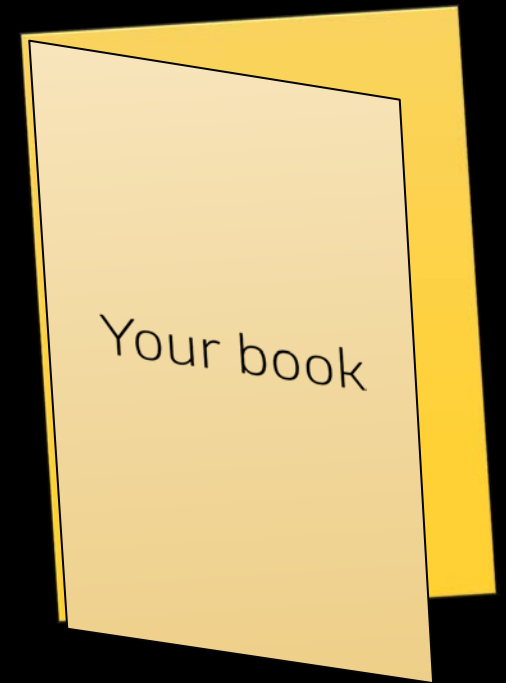


So complete the books and
bring them with you to Mass
next Sunday.

Don't write your name.

Put it in an envelope if you wish.

At communion, you'll be invited
to leave them at the cross.



**They will be burnt in the
fire at the Easter Vigil.**

A dramatic, low-angle shot of a man with his right arm raised, reaching towards the top of the frame. He is surrounded by a chaotic scene of falling, sharp, angular glass shards. The lighting is dark and moody, with a bright, glowing light source behind him, creating a silhouette effect and highlighting the edges of the glass. The overall atmosphere is one of intense struggle or a moment of divine intervention.

GOD
OF THE BROKEN