

The fellowship to which we are called

- 1. Our calling
- 2. The blessed life

The sort of life that we must live

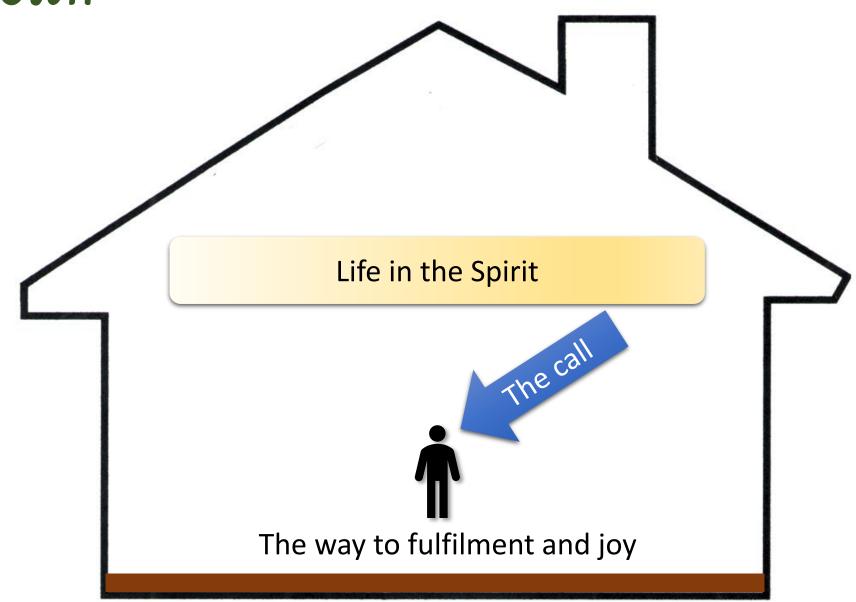
3. The way forward

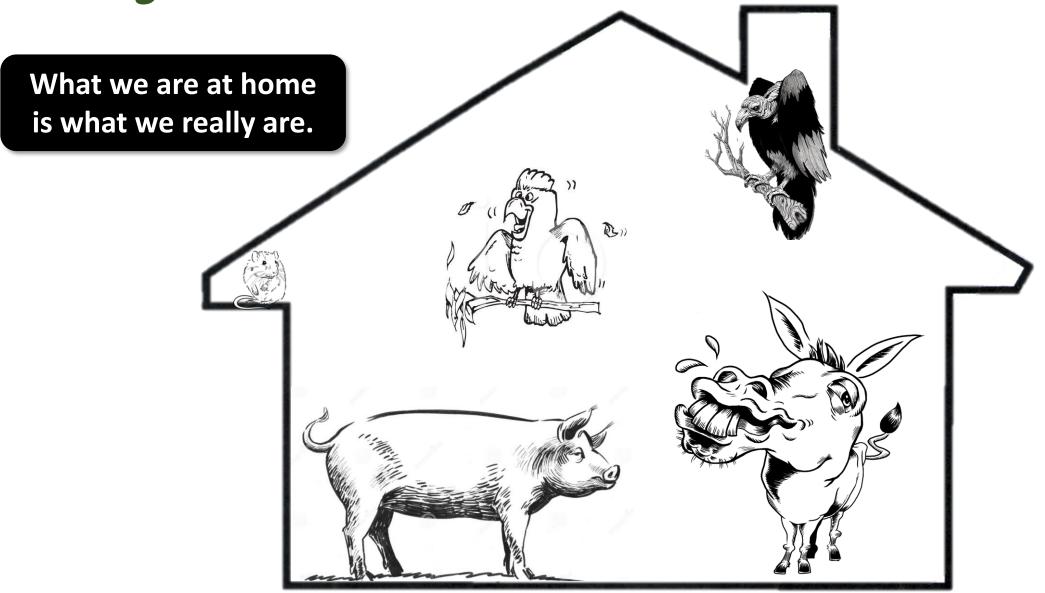
The road that takes us into that life

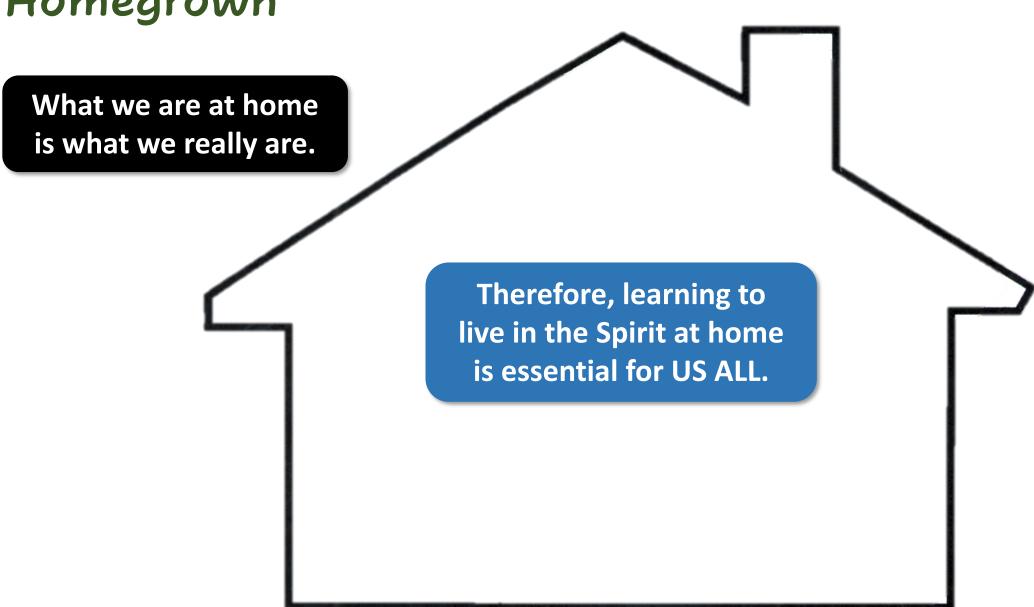
The way to fulfilment and joy

Life in the Spirit









#### Paul writes to people like us...

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

(Colossians 3:12-14)

Unspoken, but powerfully present, deep in our heart...





- What poisons our life and walk?
- What weakens our faith and vision?
- What causes needless offence and hurt?
- What lies at the bottom of almost every sin?



You will not surely die.

For God knows that

when you eat of it

your eyes will be opened,
and you will be like God,
knowing good and evil.

(Genesis 3:4-5)

The great lie







- 1. Humility
- We must choose between humility and \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 2. Forgiveness
- 3. Service

That may be lying...

**Humility is NOT seen** in "I can't" / "I'm not good" etc...

Did you give your life to the Lord?

Humility is lived when your life is not your own.

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Did you give your life to the Lord?

Yes, but...

So do you believe Satan's big lie?

☐ Can I really trust Him?
☐ I know best what's good for me!
☐ What if He asks something hard?
☐ I need to know everything first.
□ etc

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#### My peace I give to you

(John 14:27)

- No need to boast and put others down
- No need to fight to defend my rights
- No need to strive for recognition

- 1. Humility
- Forgiveness We must choose between forgiveness and \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Service

Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?

As many as 7 times?

I do not say to you 7 times, but 70 x 7 times.

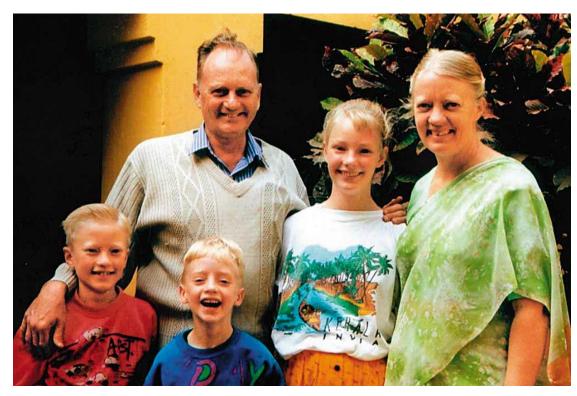


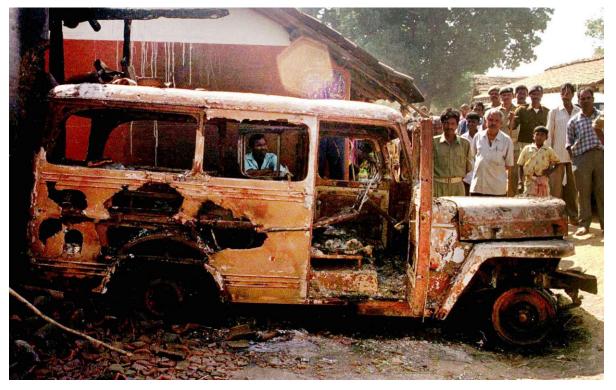
Think of the unforgiving servant!

(see Matthew 18:21-35)

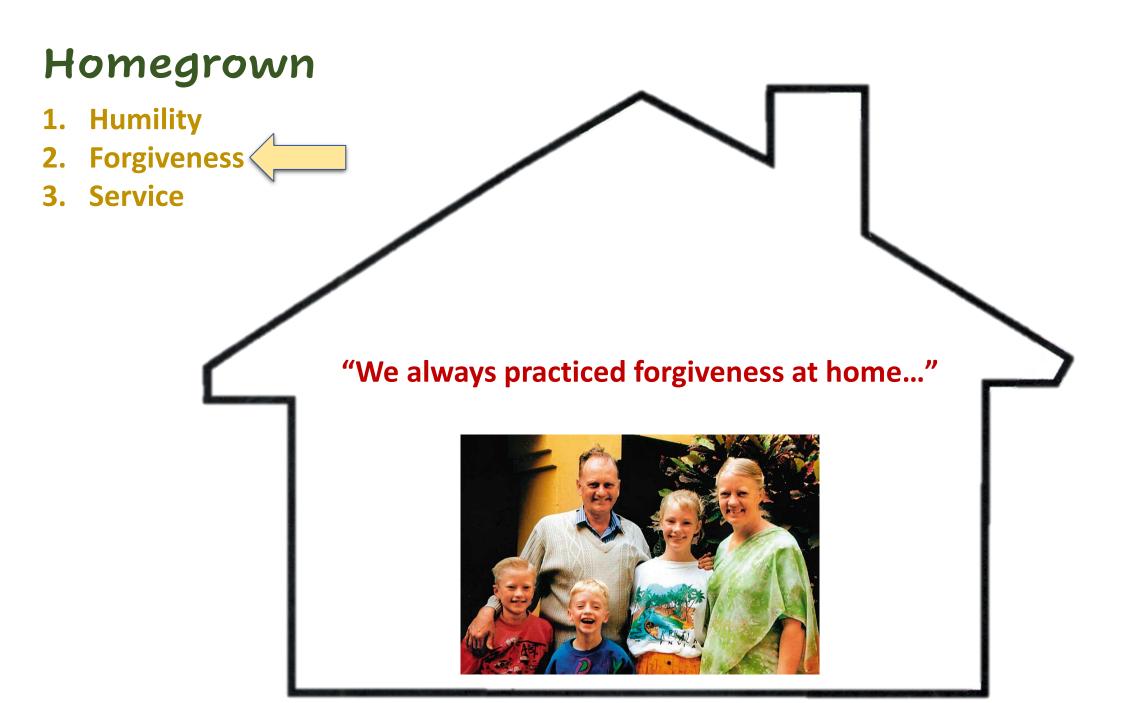
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Gladys Staines said,
"Because of forgiveness I hold no bitterness towards the persons who killed my family."





Graham Staines and his two sons, aged 6 and 10, were murdered on 23 January 1999



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...forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. (Matthew 6:12)

- ✓ We must forgive our parents.
- ✓ We must forgive our husband or wife.
- ✓ We must forgive our children.
- ✓ We must forgive our brothers and sisters.
- ✓ We must live out our own forgiveness that cost the Lord so much.

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We must choose between service and \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

#### It shall not be so among you.

But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

(Matthew 20:25-28)

- 1. Humility
- 2. Forgiveness
- 3. Service

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.

- ✓ True leadership is service
- ✓ Why should others wait for you?
- ✓ Why do you leave it for others?
- ✓ But no one asked me to do it...

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- 3. Service

Do you see it?

Because it is a privilege!

