

THE TRUTH ABOUT...

“Satisfaction”

Proverbs 30:15-16 NLT

The leech has two suckers that cry out, “More, more!” There are three things that are **never satisfied** — no, four that never say, “Enough!”: the grave, the barren womb, the thirsty desert, the blazing fire.

Observation: Nature itself is not satisfied!

“Life satisfaction is the degree to which a person positively evaluates the overall quality of his/her life as a whole. In other words, how much the person likes the life he/she leads”

Ruut Veenhoven, 1996
(highly regarded life satisfaction scholar)

Subjective evaluation: it's about feelings and one's thinking

Q. Is there an Objective Way to Measure Satisfaction?

Life Satisfaction Questionnaire:

Five statements that you may DISAGREE or AGREE with.
Using a scale of 1 (Strongly Disagree) - 7 (Strongly Agree)
indicate your score to each statement:-

1. _____ In most ways my life is close to my ideal.
2. _____ The conditions of my life are excellent.
3. _____ I am satisfied with my life.
4. _____ So far I have gotten the important things I want in life.
5. _____ If I could live my life over, I would change almost nothing.

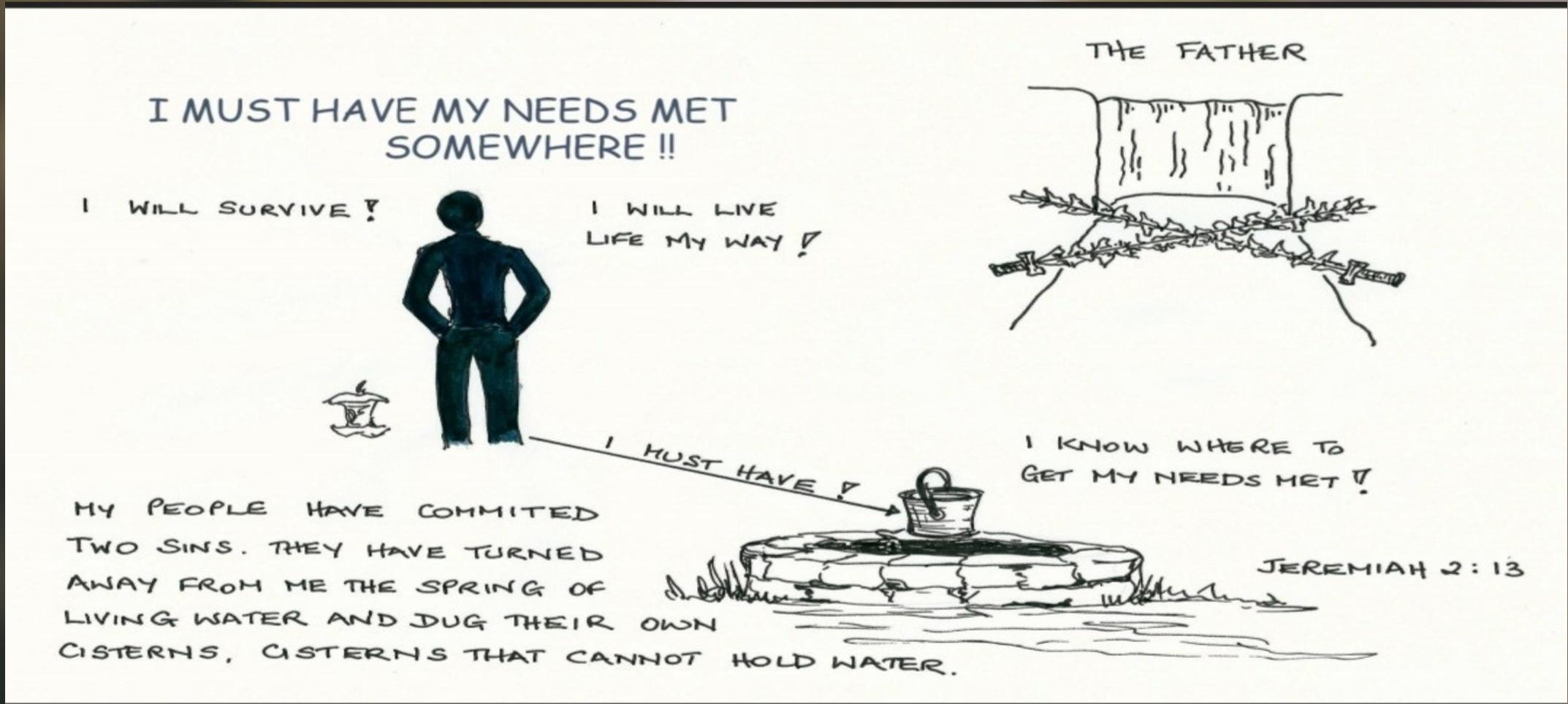
Total Scoring: Add all lines

- 31 - 35 Extremely satisfied
- 26 - 30 Satisfied
- 21 - 25 Slightly satisfied

- 20 Neutral
- 15 - 19 Slightly dissatisfied
- 10 - 14 Dissatisfied
- 5 - 9 Extremely dissatisfied , Image, etc...

Look at the statements. Are they really objective?
The IDEAL ... Finding The 'IT' (Tim Keller)

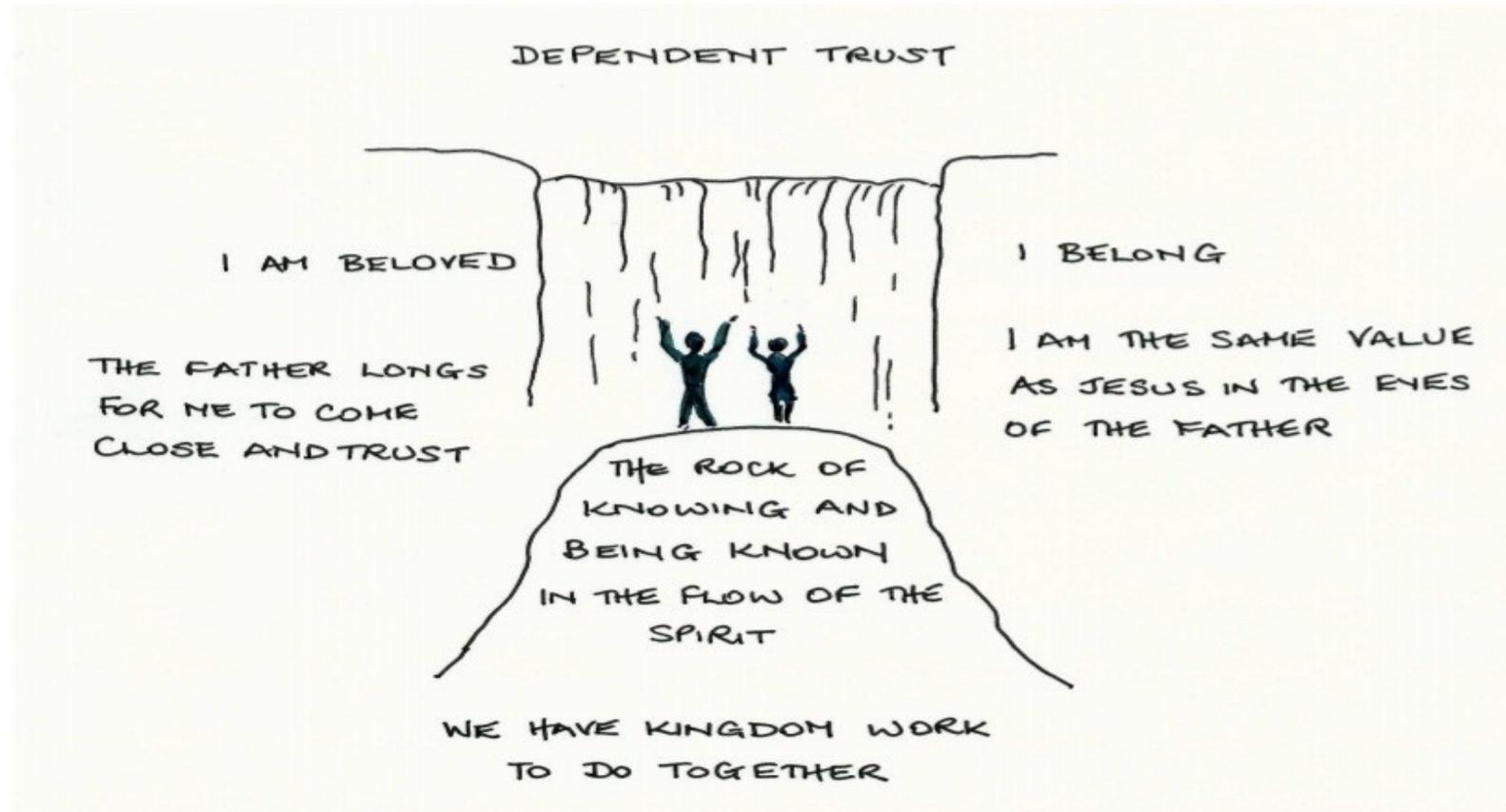
Q. What is Really the Problem?



Sketches by Angie Coombes: TWFJ

Core need of EVERY individual

GOD'S INTENTION FOR HIS CHILDREN



To belong and to be loved, to know I am valued and I have a purpose! This is the 'IT'!
John 7:38 "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

Eph. 3:17-19 NLT

¹⁷ Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. ¹⁸ And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. ¹⁹ May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made **complete with all the fullness of life** and power that comes from God.

What about the Believer?

Is Life Perfect? No.... Can we be in an unsatisfactory situation and still be satisfied?

Examples:

The Disciples Acts 5:40-42 ⁴⁰ ‘...They called the apostles in and **had them flogged**. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴² Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, **they never stopped teaching and proclaiming** the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.’

Jesus our Lord Mt 26:38-54 ³⁸He told them, “**My soul is crushed with grief** to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” ³⁹He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, “My Father! **If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me**. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine’ ...

⁵³ **Don’t you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels** to protect us, and he would send them instantly? ⁵⁴ But if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled...

1. Despite ALL circumstances, knowing my purpose finds life satisfaction.
2. Paul learnt a secret: **Phil 4:12-13**

Q. Is Satisfaction Guaranteed? YES!

Ps. 107:9 For **he satisfies** the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good...

Prov. 19:23 The fear of the LORD leads to life, and whoever has it **rests satisfied**; he will not be visited by harm.

Ps. 103:1-5 ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵**who satisfies you** with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Matt. 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for **they shall be satisfied**.

Jer. 31:25 ...**I will satisfy** the weary soul, and every languishing soul I will replenish.

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