

Community Groups signups begin next week!



We will give several options for time and place, you can tell us your top two options and we'll form the groups (so each is kinda equal in number).

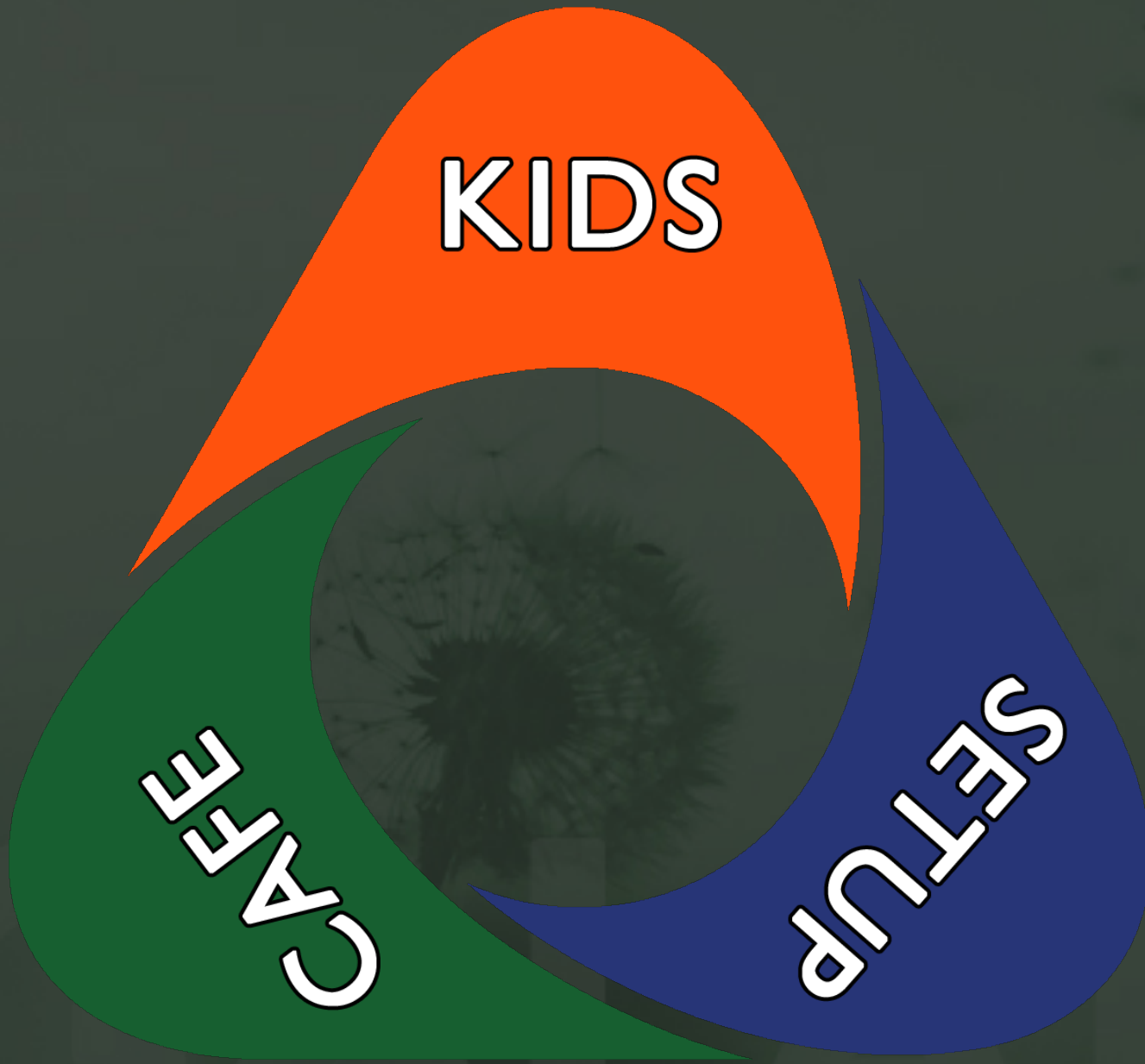
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GRACE BREVARD CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH @ 10:30

**COME HEAR ABOUT WHO WE ARE
PLUS WHERE WE ARE GOING AND
HOW WE CAN GET THERE TOGETHER
(MEETING BETWEEN OUR TWO SERVICES)**



We especially need help making several setup teams, kid teams and café teams...that way nobody is overworked.

If you can help, even just once, fill out a ConnectCard and put it in the offering box.

A dandelion seed head is shown in the lower-left quadrant, with several seeds blowing away towards the upper-right. The background is a soft, uniform green. The text 'GALATIANS' is faintly visible in the background, and the word 'free' is written in white cursive over it.

GALATIANS free

Galatians 3:26 - 4:7

²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

4:1 I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father.

³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.



⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Adopted From

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Law-Based Religion

Alone

Slavery to Self

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^{4:4} But when the fullness of time had come...

All of history, all of Scripture, was building up to this very point. God's timing was absolutely purposeful and perfect.

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God sent forth his
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under the law...

*The Father sent His one and only
Son to become one of us, born in
the midst of our chaos and curse.*

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Jesus'
Sonship

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased"

Our
Orphanship

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me"

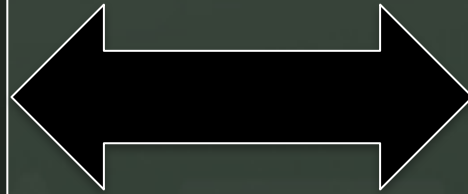
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4:5b *so that* we might receive adoption as sons.

“adoption as sons (sonship)” – This one Greek word is a Roman legal term referring to a childless family adopting an orphan child to become the full family heir.

Jesus' Sonship:

- *His Family Status*
- *Father's Approval*
- *Eternal Riches*



Our Orphanship:

- *Our Aloneness*
- *Our "debts"*

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4:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Inclusive

There are no second-class Christians.

Unified

We are bound together by Jesus over everything else

Not “Us vs. Them”

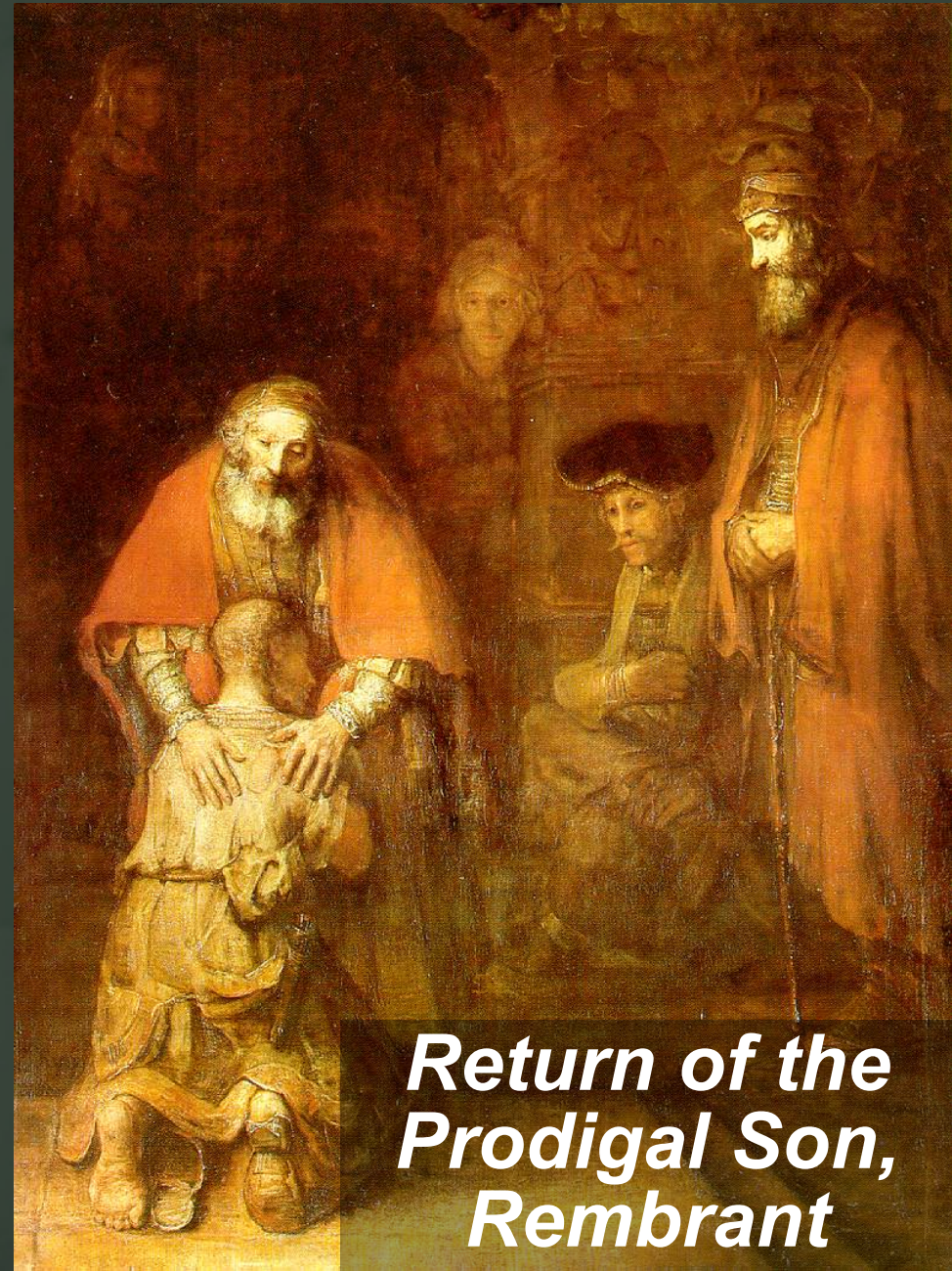
Our security in God equips us to be outward in love.

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We have a Perfect Father

Abba / Daddy
(breathing pattern)



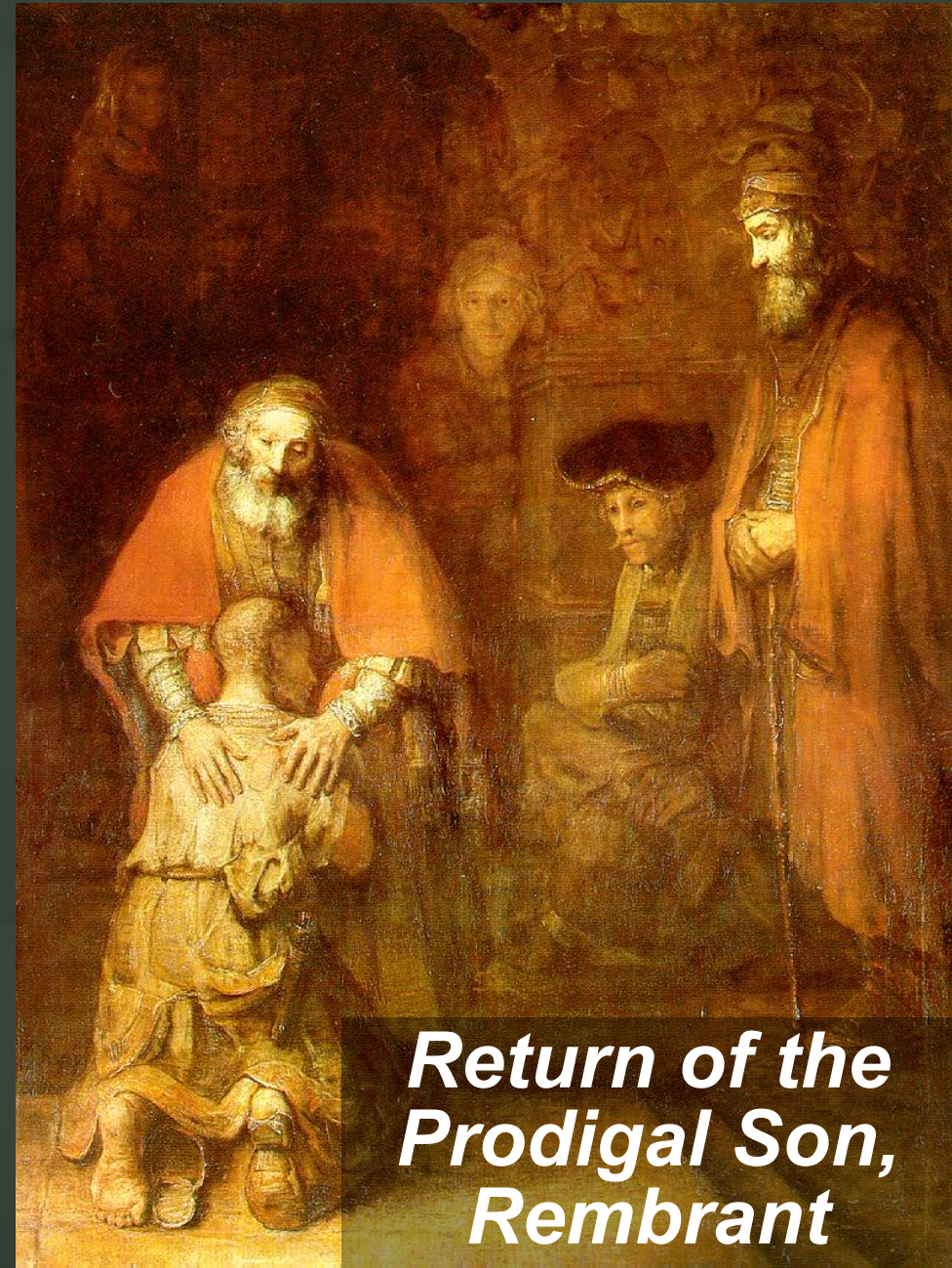
*Return of the
Prodigal Son,
Rembrandt*

Adopted For

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We have a Perfect Brother

The Resurrected Jesus is now our advocate and friend



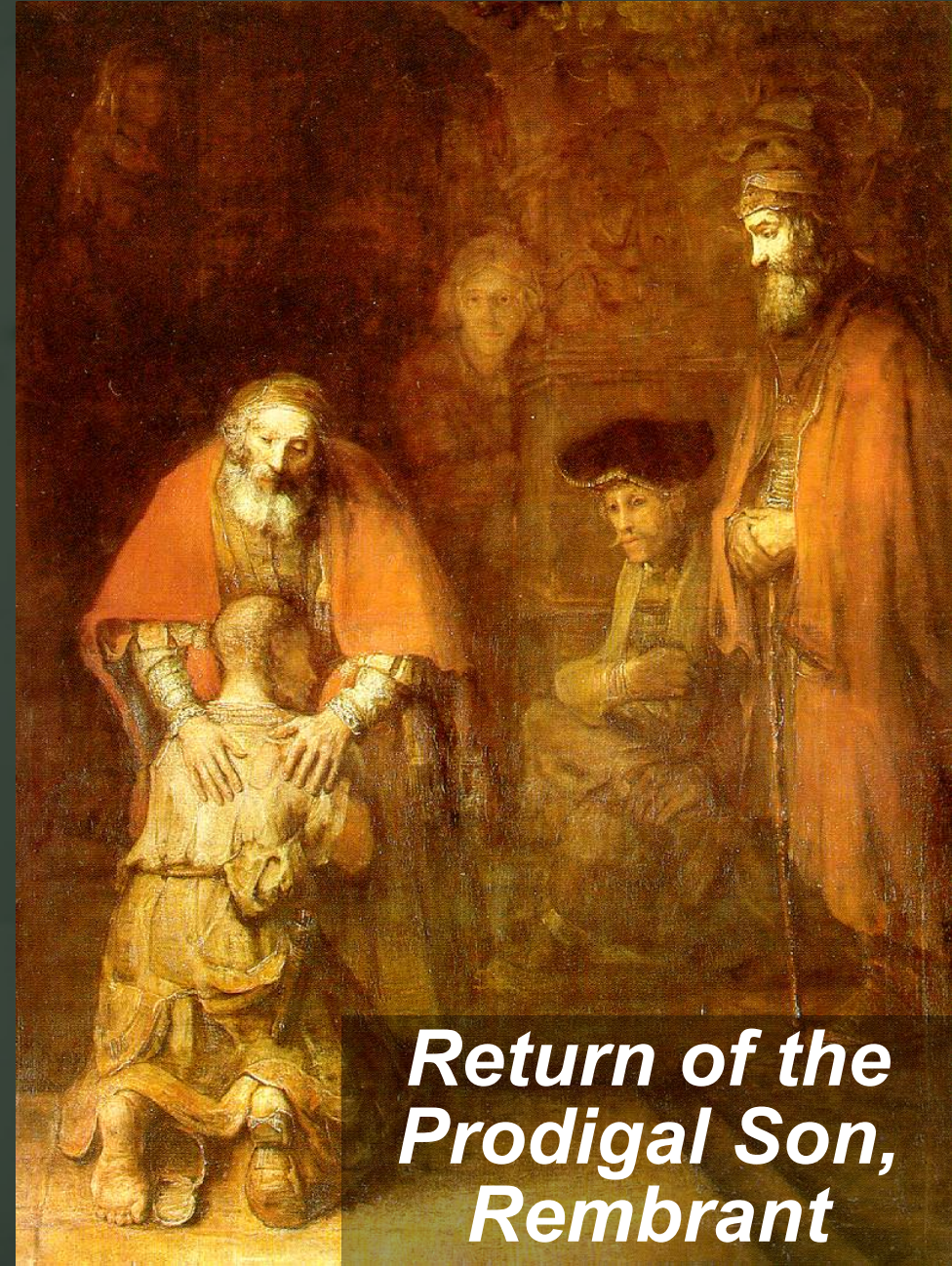
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We have a Intimate Spirit

The very presence and power of God inside of, which draws us closer and closer to Him.



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Orphan Heart		Sonship Heart
God is mad or disappointed	↔	God (“Daddy”) is overjoyed
My Accomplishment	↔	Jesus’ Accomplishments
Anxious	↔	Peaceful
Fearful	↔	Generous

This isn't to make us feel bad for not living out our Adoption but to paint a picture of the inheritance God has in won for us.

*This is adapted from the Sonship Study (Serge.org).
It will be one of our study options down the road.*