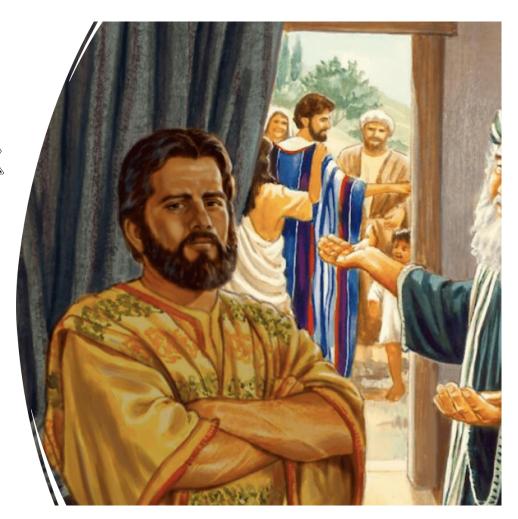
## "...YET YOU NEVER GAVE ME A YOUNG GOAT"

Luke 15:29



SATAN AND THE
SCHEME OF
DRIVING A WEDGE
IN A RELATIONSHIP



#### CRUCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

- 1. God
- 2. The Church
- 3. Spiritual fathers
- 4. Family



## DIFFERENT WEDGES

- 1. Doubts: "Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3: 4 5
- 2. Perception of unfair treatment and lack of love: The older son
- The fantasy of missed joy and freedom outside of the relationship
- 4. Distrust





#### WHAT FOLLOWS? (1)

- Self pity surrendering to the victim mentality ("... Lo, these many years I have been serving you")
- 2. Piling up the negative files, misinterpreting every gesture, and ignoring the positives (never gave me a goat!)



### WHAT FOLLOWS? (2)

- Listening to the choir conducted by the Chief Divider!
- 4. Emotional separation and resentment
- 6. Going away Falling as prey



# ESCAPING THE TRAP

- Realizing the scheme and the wedge
- Opening up: Talking and Listening
- 3. "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life"

John 6:68

4. The love and understanding of the Father