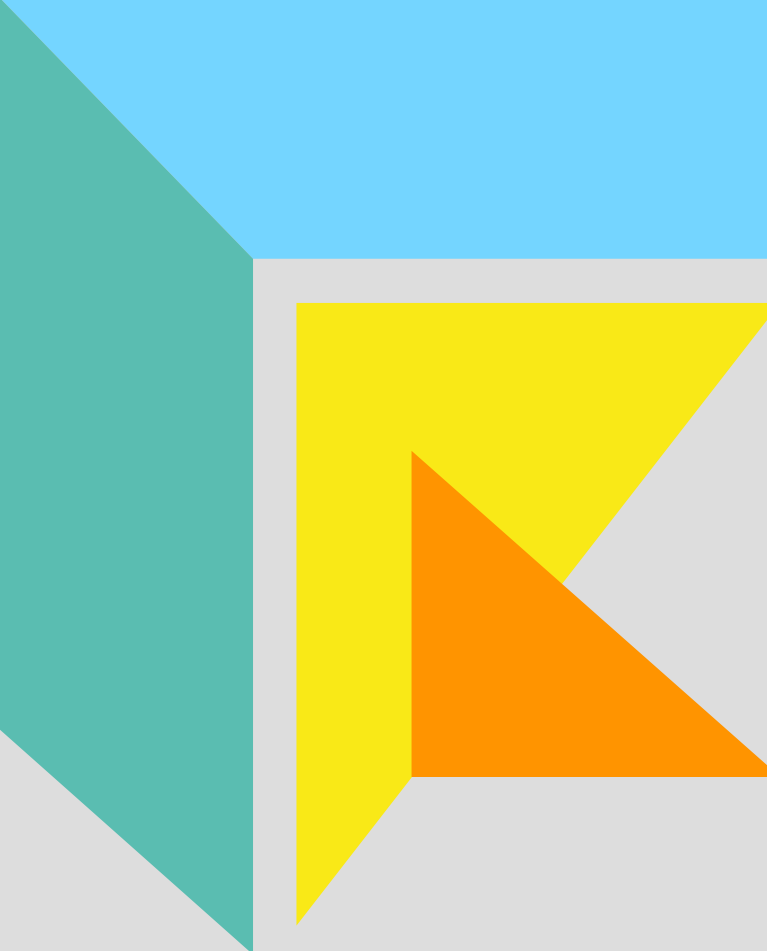


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WORSHIP

IN THE SPIRIT & TRUTH

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**True worship is
unashamedly
extravagant**
John 12:1–8





Extravagant?
Excessive?



1 Chronicles

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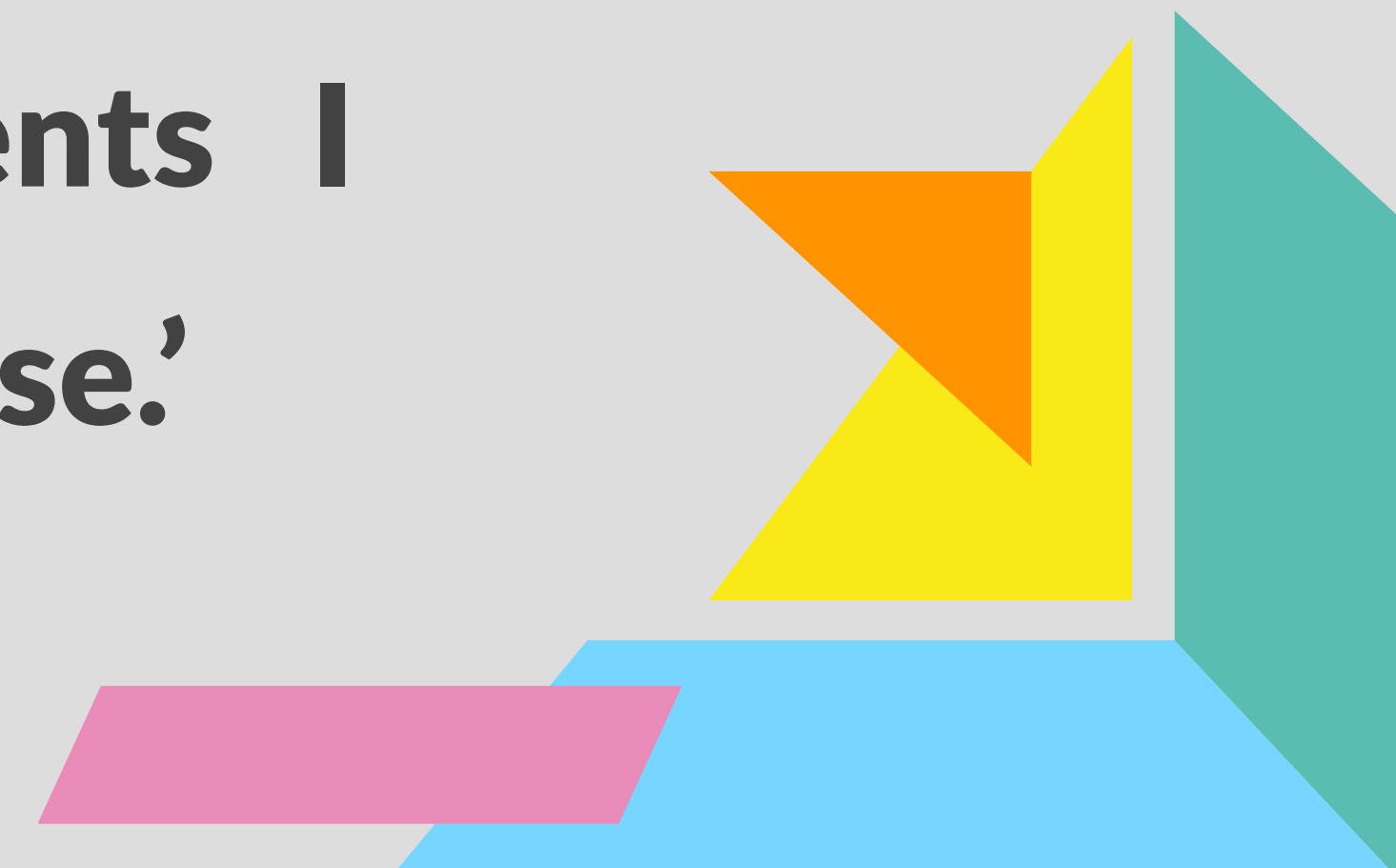
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Unashamedly Extravagant Worship

¹ When David was old and full of years, he made his son Solomon king over Israel. ³ The Levites thirty years old or more were counted...

⁴ David said, ‘Of these,... ⁵ **four thousand are to praise the Lord with the musical instruments I have provided for that purpose.**’



2 Samuel Unashamedly Extravagant Worship

6 ² David and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God... ⁵ David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with castanets, harps, lyres, tambourines, rattles and cymbals. ¹⁴ Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might...

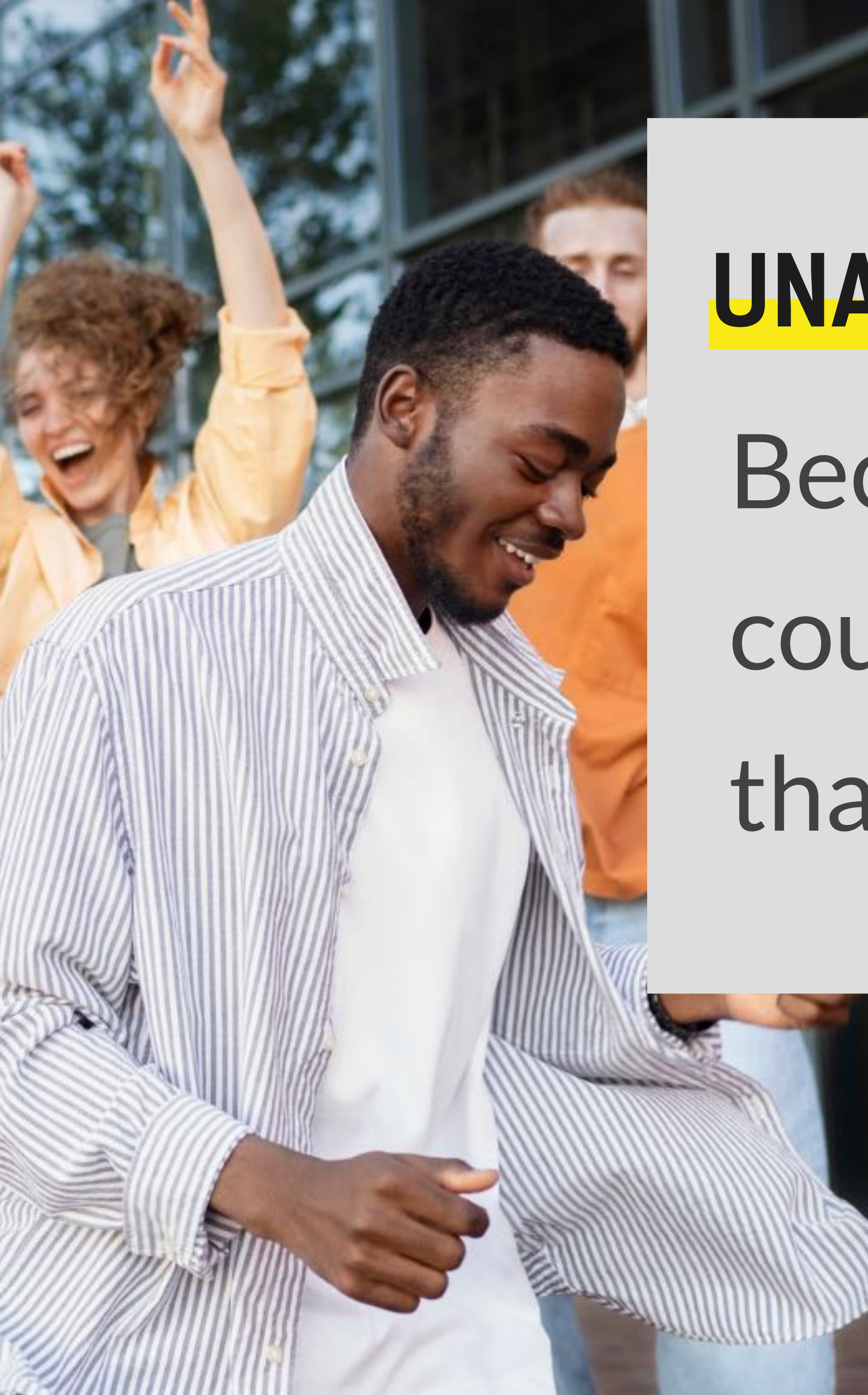


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Unashamedly Extravagant Worship

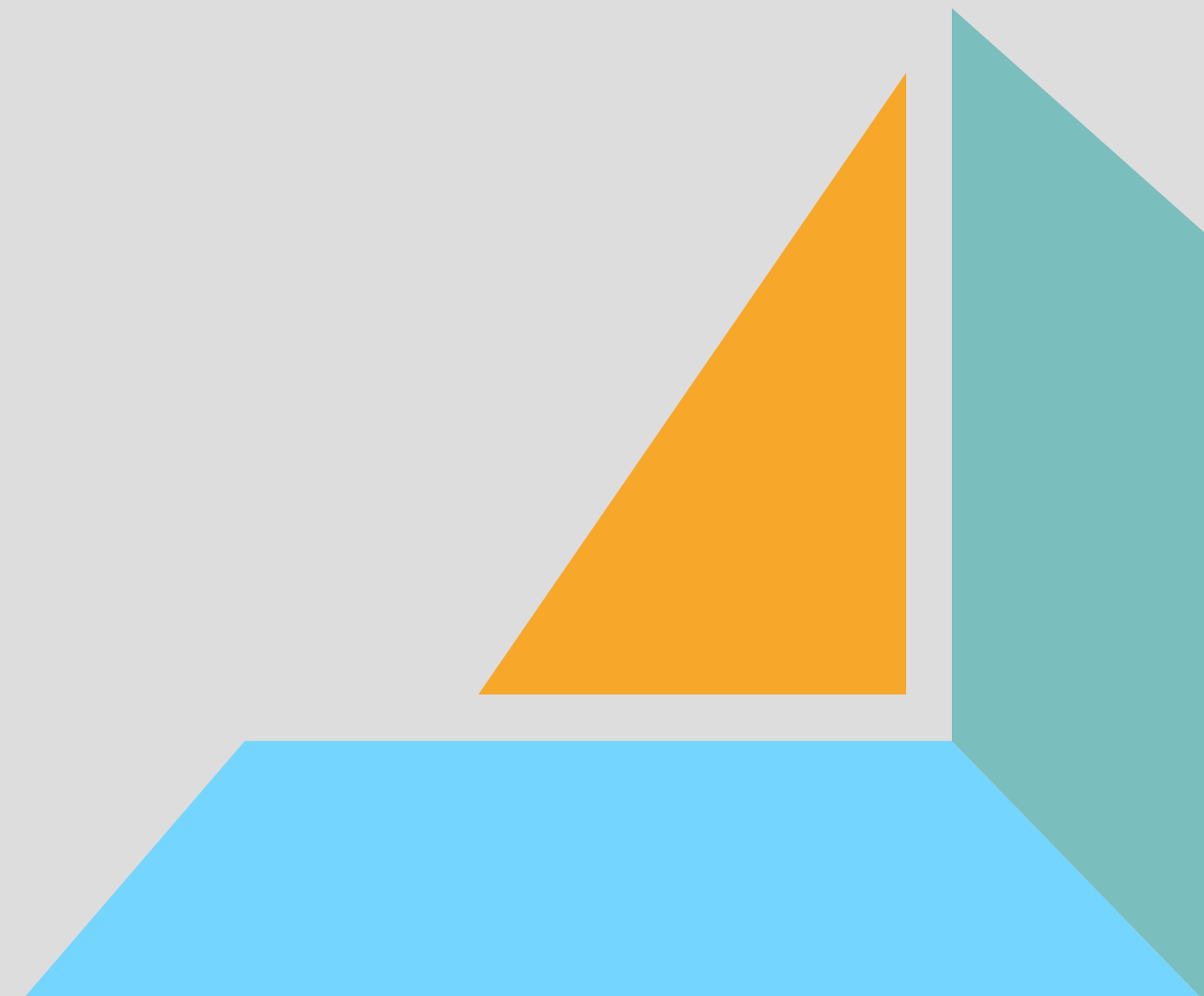
“Then Mary took about half a litre of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.”





UNASHAMEDLY EXTRAVAGANT WORSHIP

Because nothing we could do
could be more extravagant
than what God did for us



LUKE 15:11–32

Parable of prodigal son

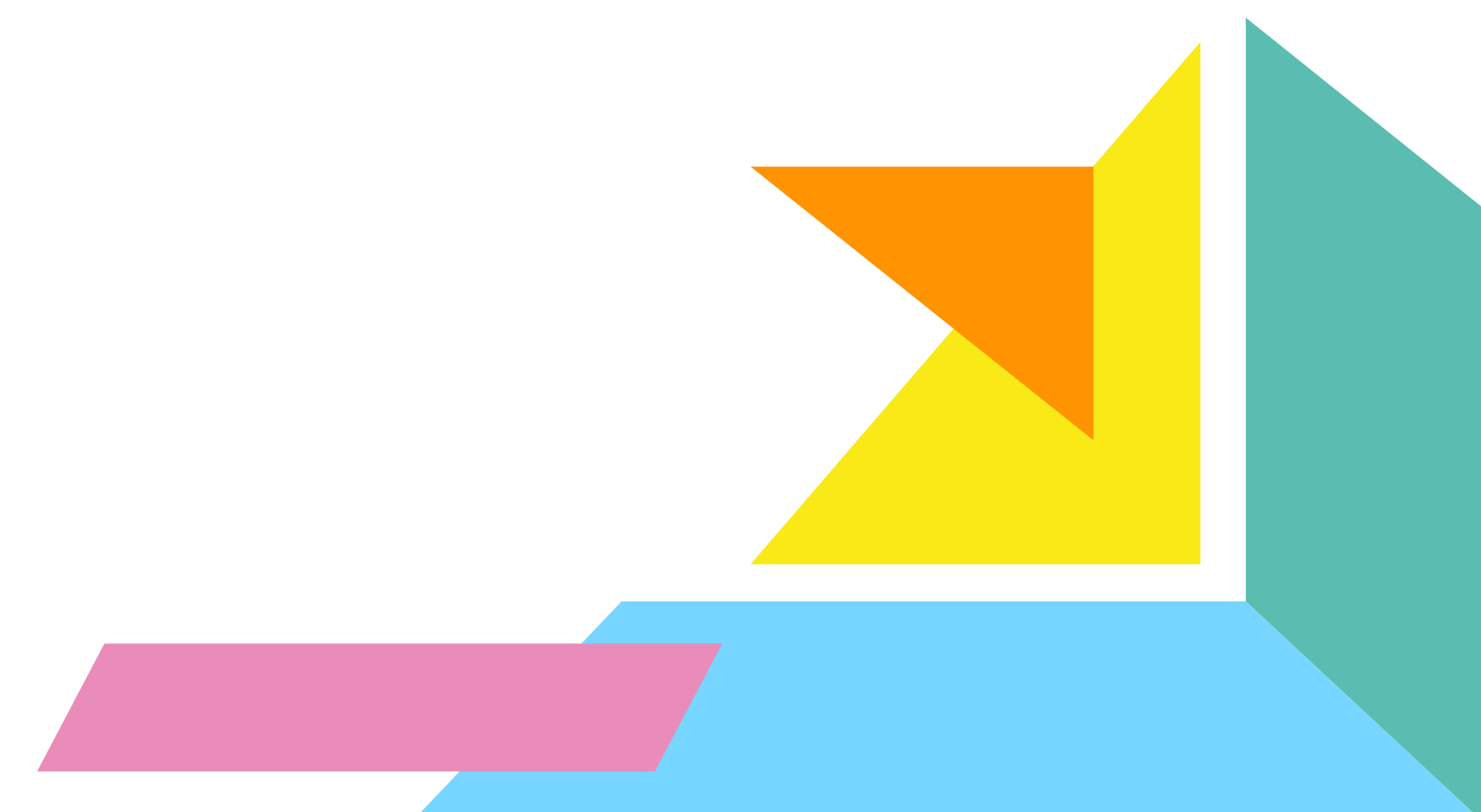
- ▶ Son demands inheritance - effectively wishing his Father dead!
- ▶ Son wastes inheritance with prodigal living
- ▶ But Father not only forgives
- ▶ ...He welcomes back
- ▶ ...He reinstates
- ▶ ...He throws a party!!





The word ‘prodigal’ does not mean ‘wayward’ but ‘recklessly spendthrift’. It means to spend until you have nothing left. This term is therefore as appropriate for describing the father in the story as well as the younger son. The father’s welcome to the repentant son was literally reckless, because he refused to ‘reckon’ or count his sin against him or demand repayment. This response offended the elder son and most likely the local community.

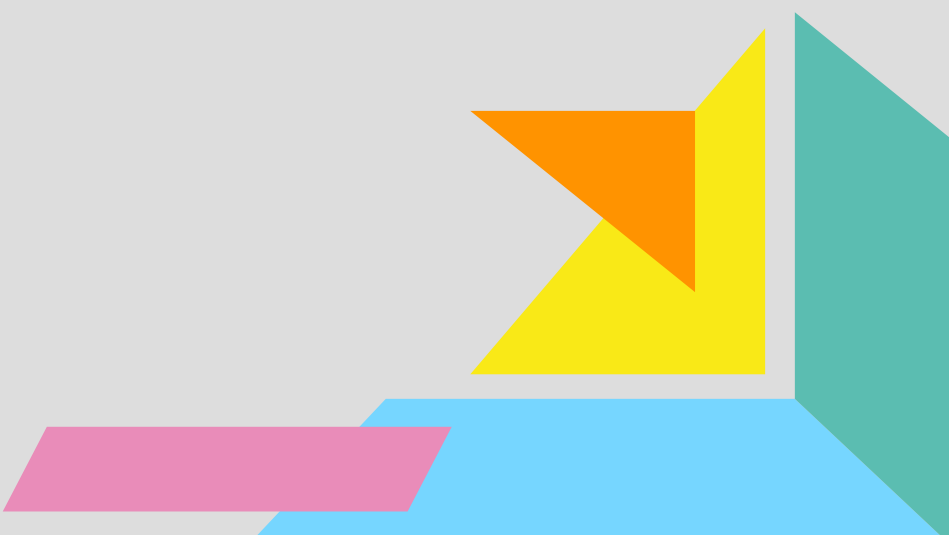
Timothy Keller – The Prodigal God





Unashamedly Extravagant

“Watch what God does, and then do it, like children who learn proper behaviour from their parents. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn’t love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. **Love like that.**” Eph. 5:1—2 The Message



TWO TYPES OF WORSHIP IN THE BIBLE

INDIVIDUAL



Whole-life
surrender to God,
e.g. Romans 12:1–2

TOGETHER



A call to specific
acts of worship
e.g. 2 Chron. 23:1–6

OUR UNASHAMEDLY EXTRAVAGANT WORSHIP



- Offering our bodies as living sacrifices
- Holding nothing back from God
- Forgiving our enemies
- Going out of our way to help people
- Responding to God's extravagant love to us
- Treating Jesus like Mary did
- Worshipping God like David did

