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IN YOUR LIFE & MINISTRY*



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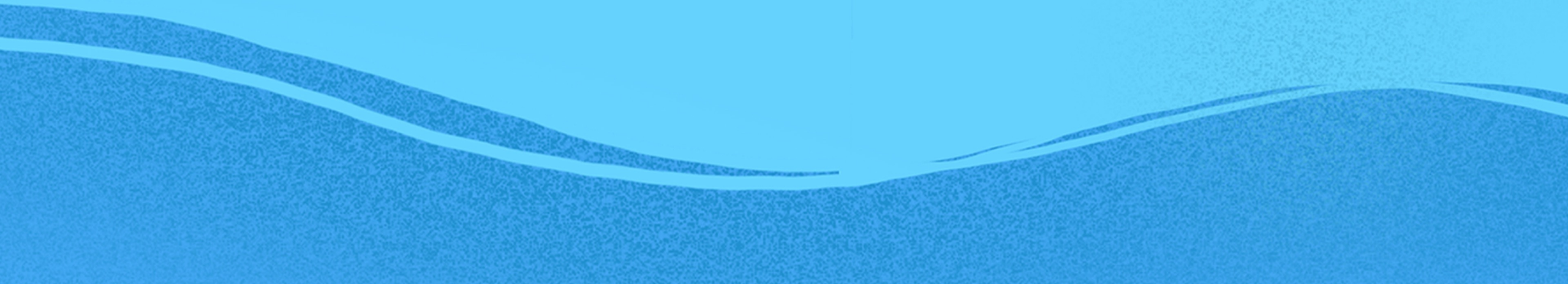
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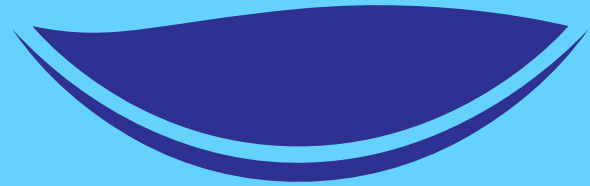
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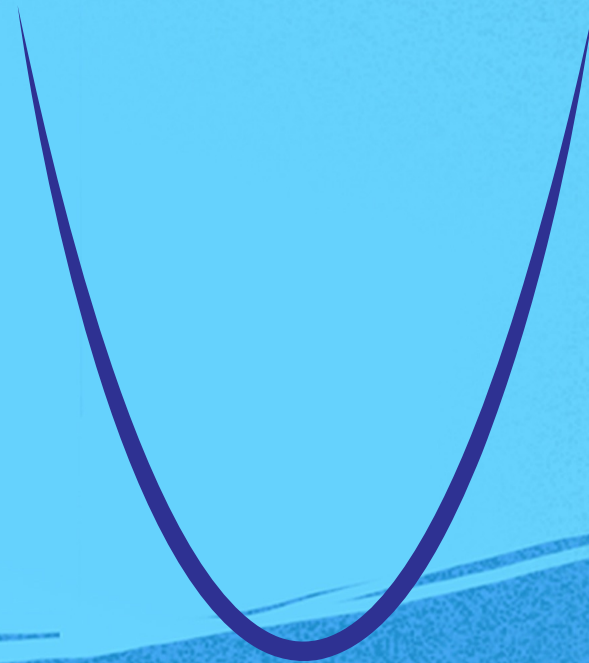
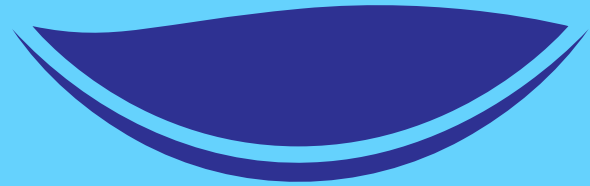
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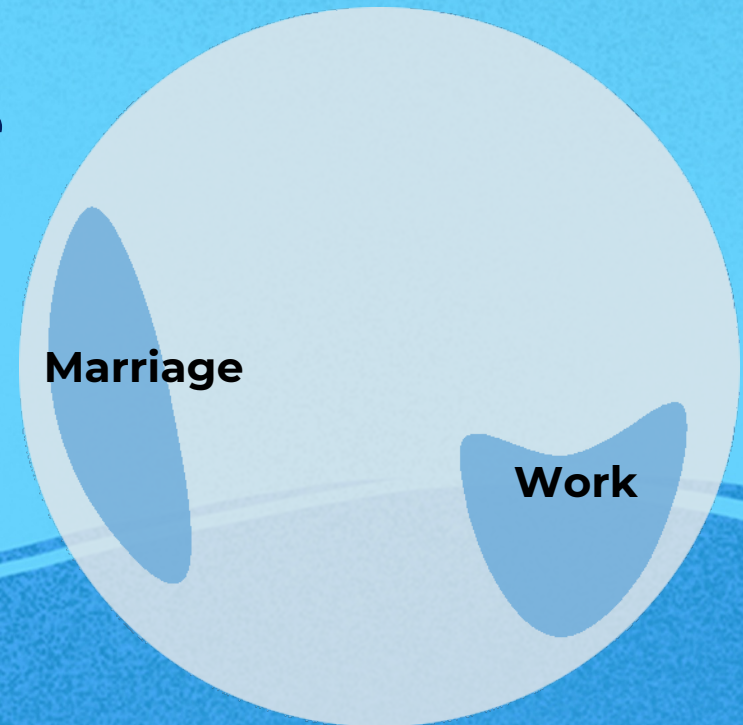
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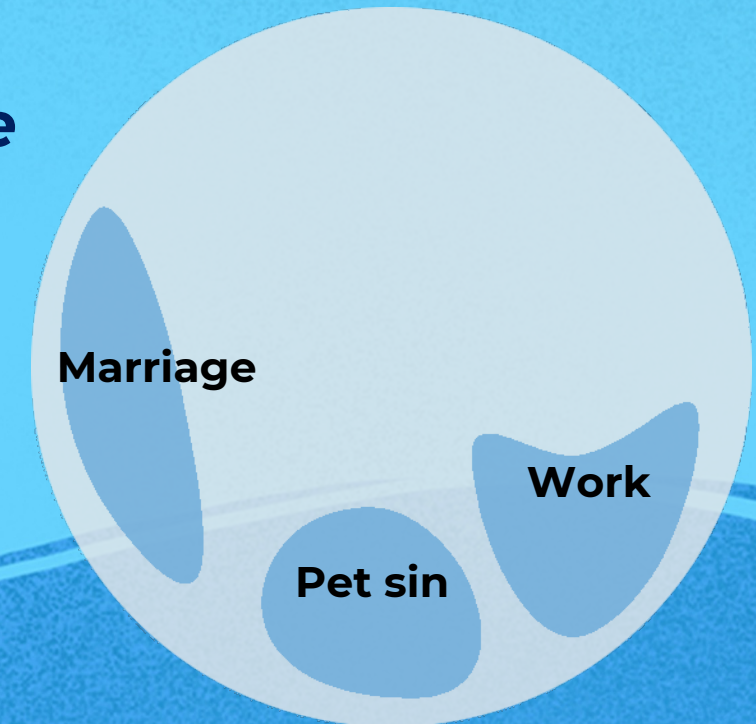


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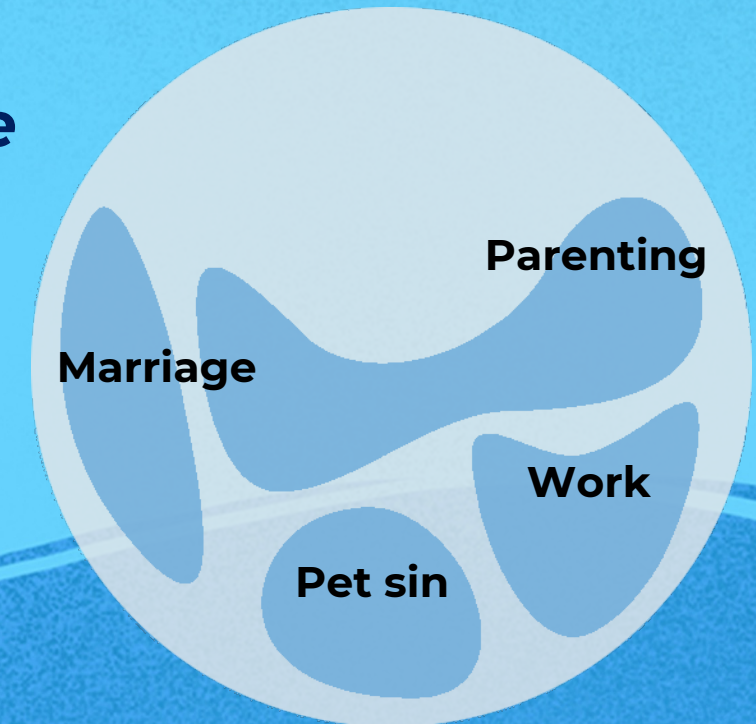


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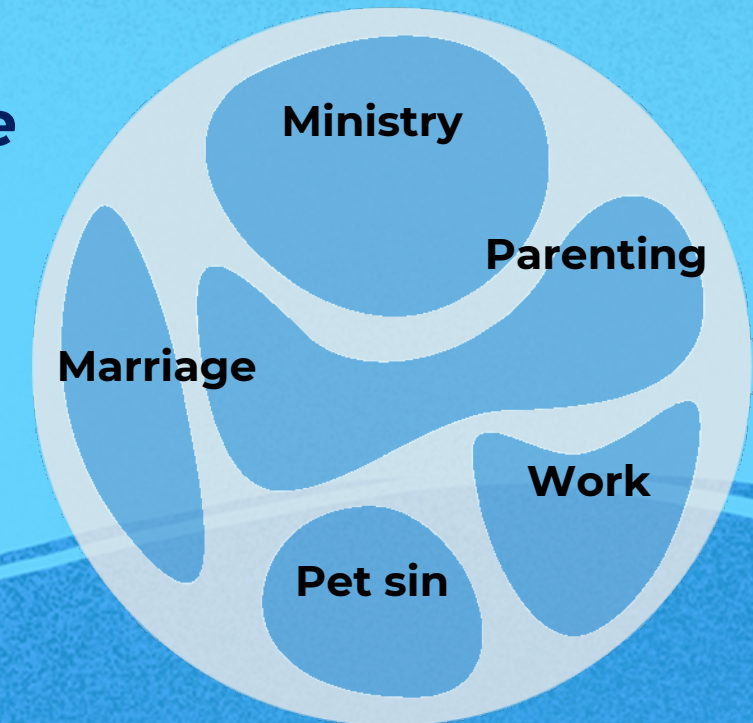


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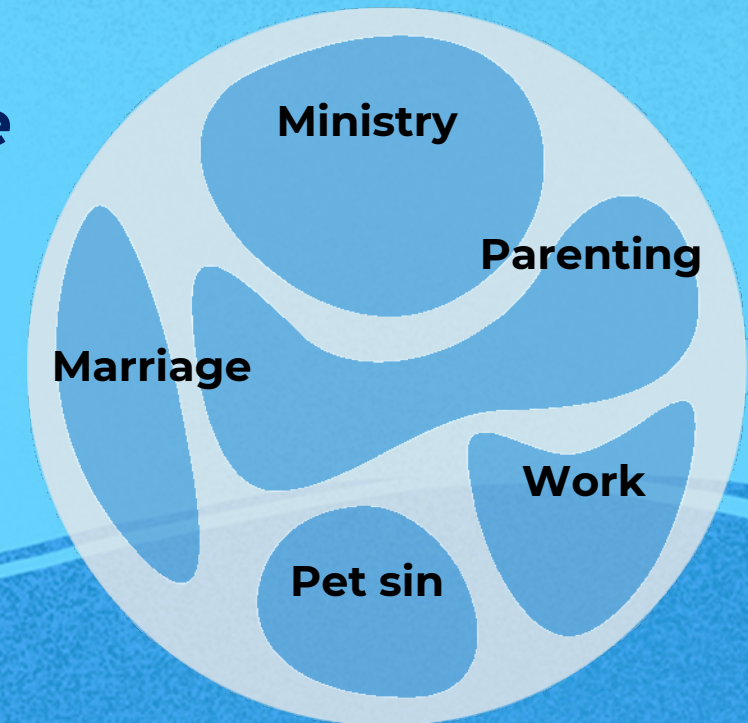


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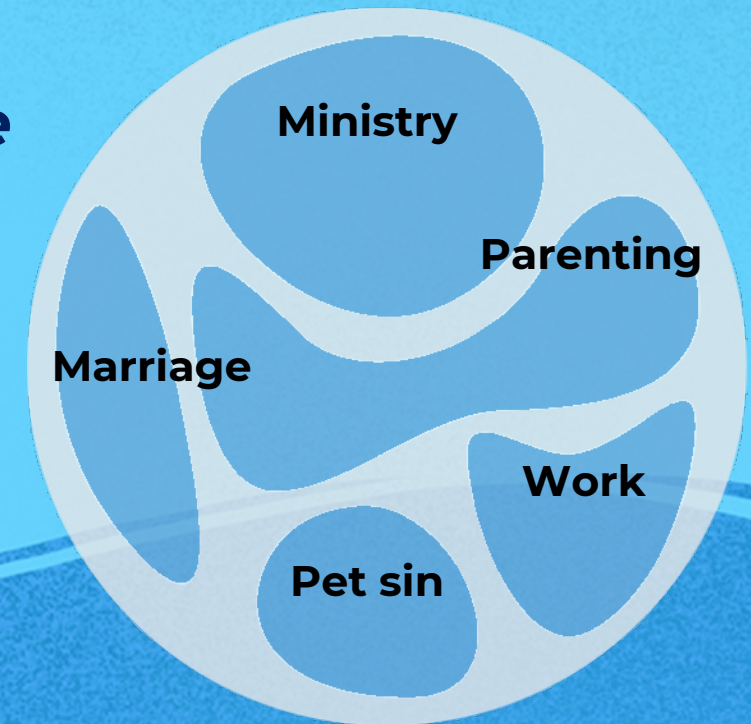


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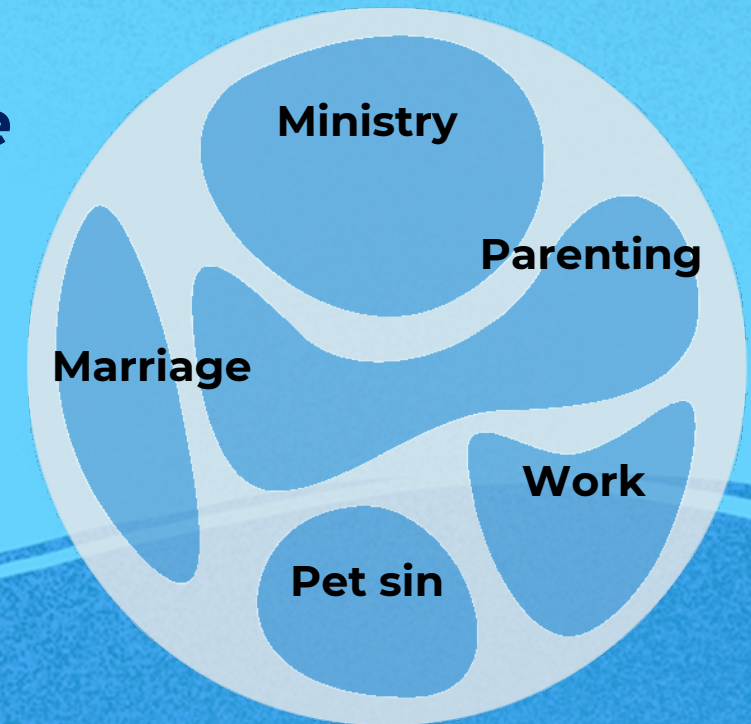
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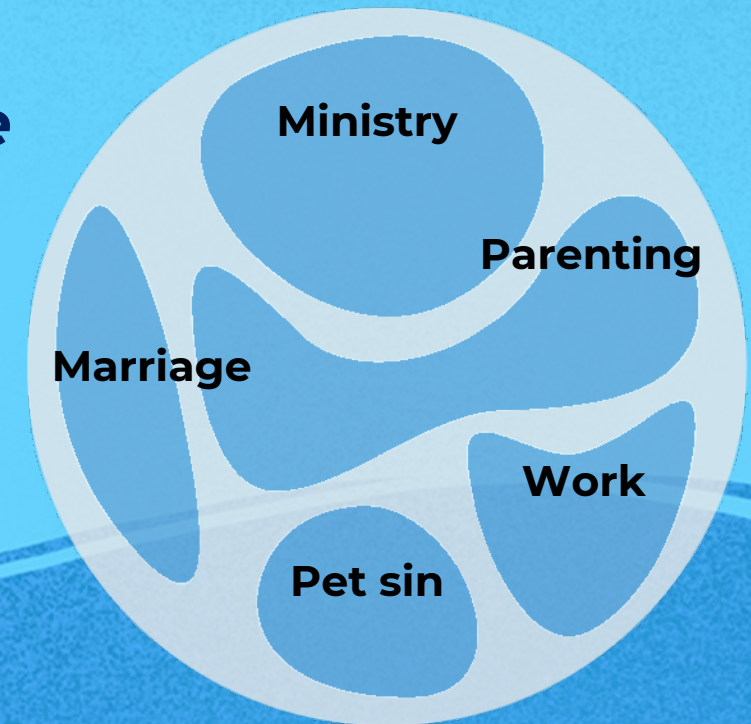
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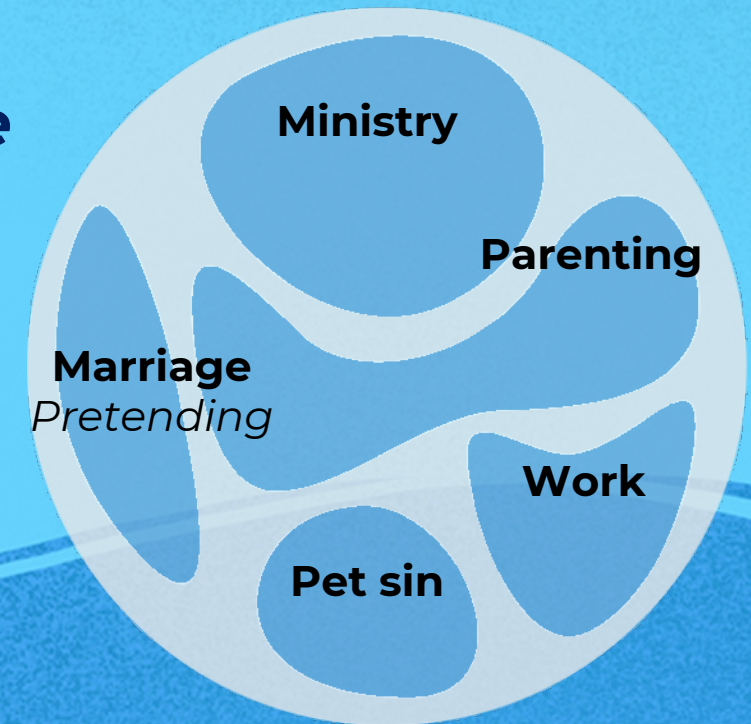
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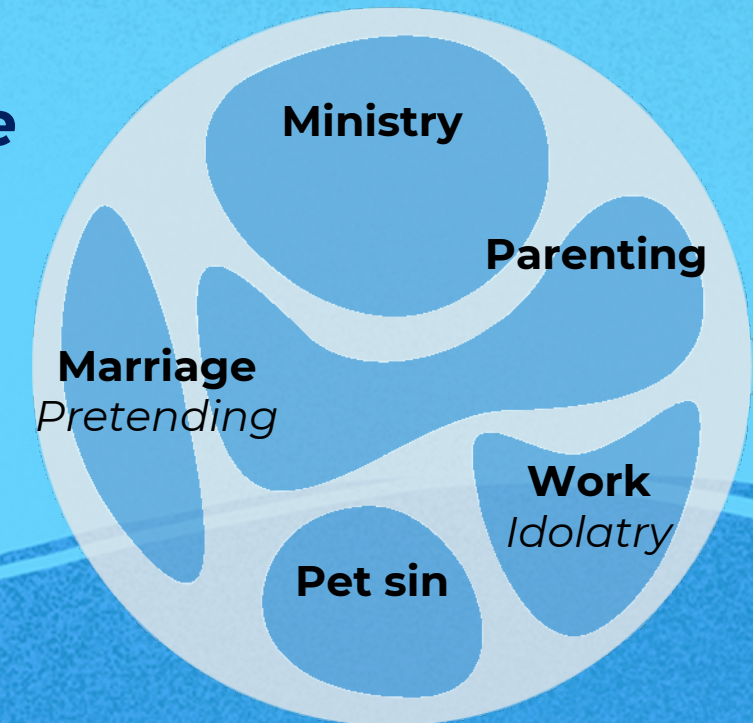
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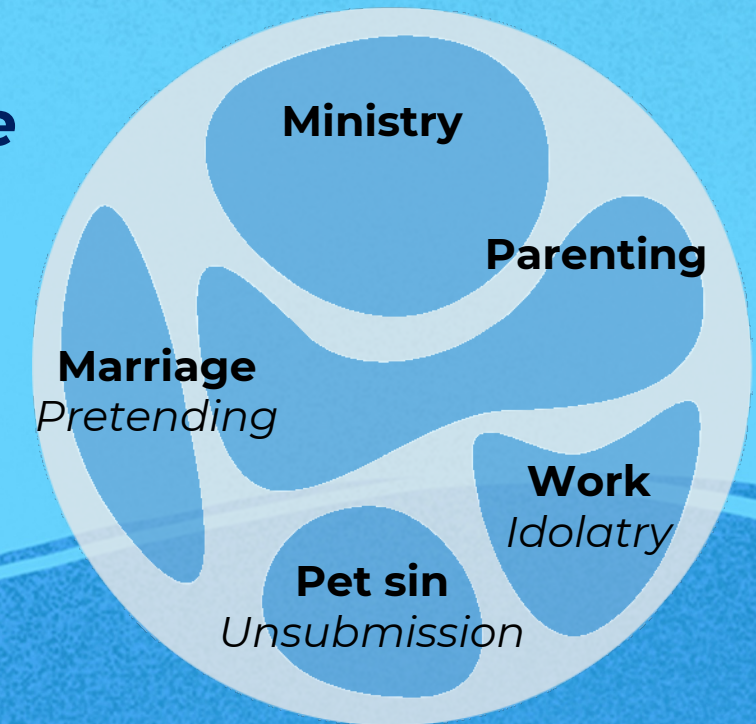
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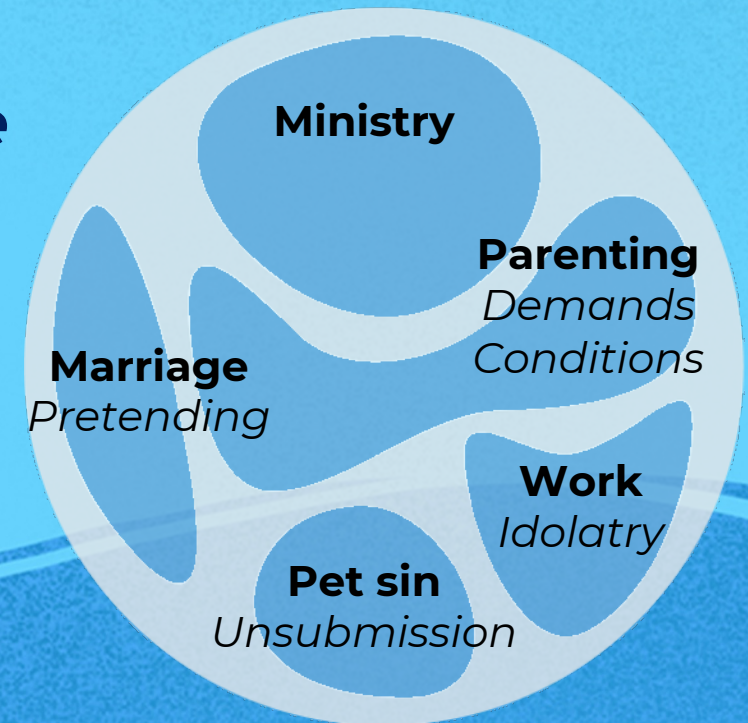
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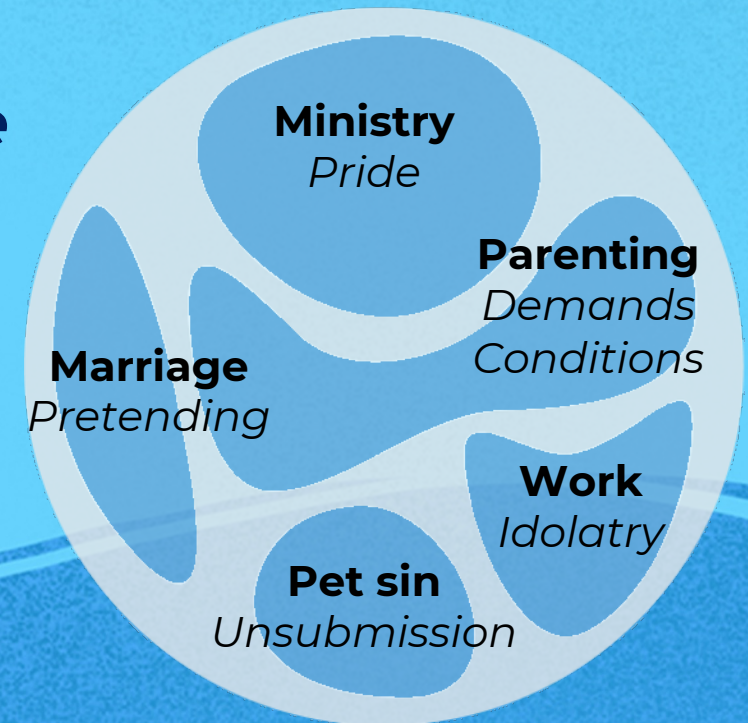
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“I firmly believe that the moment our hearts are emptied of selfishness and ambition and self-seeking and everything that is contrary to God's law, the Holy Spirit will come and fill every corner of our hearts; but if we are full of pride and conceit, ambition and self-seeking, pleasure and the world, there is no room for the Spirit of God.”

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“I also believe that many a man is praying to God to fill him, when he is full already with something else. Before we pray that God would fill us, I believe ***we ought to pray that He would empty us.*** There must be an emptying before there can be a filling; and when the heart is turned upside down, and everything that is contrary to God is turned out, then the Spirit will come...”

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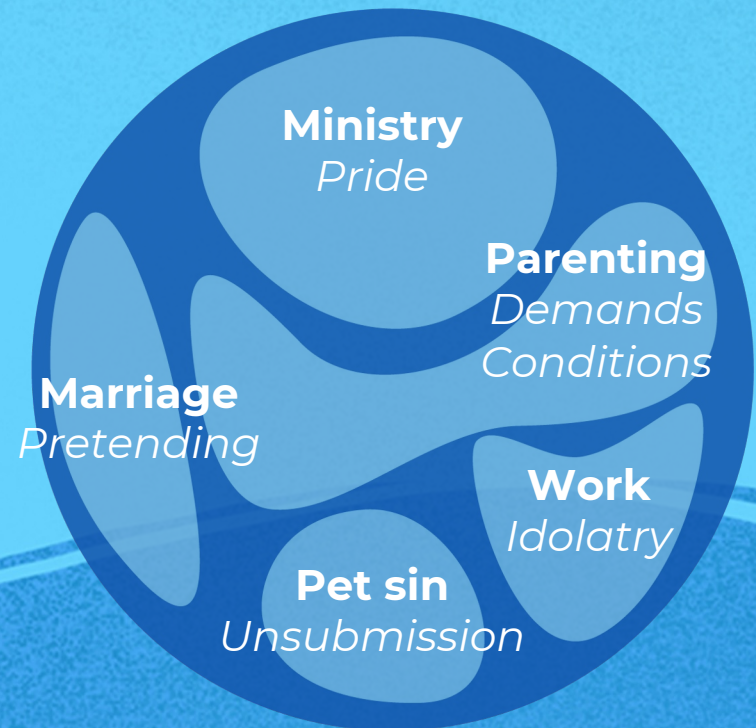
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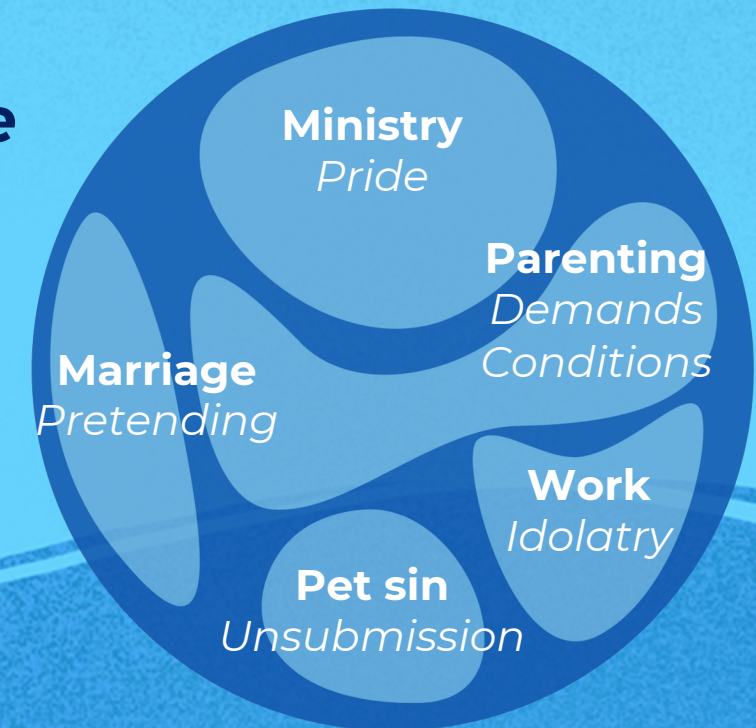
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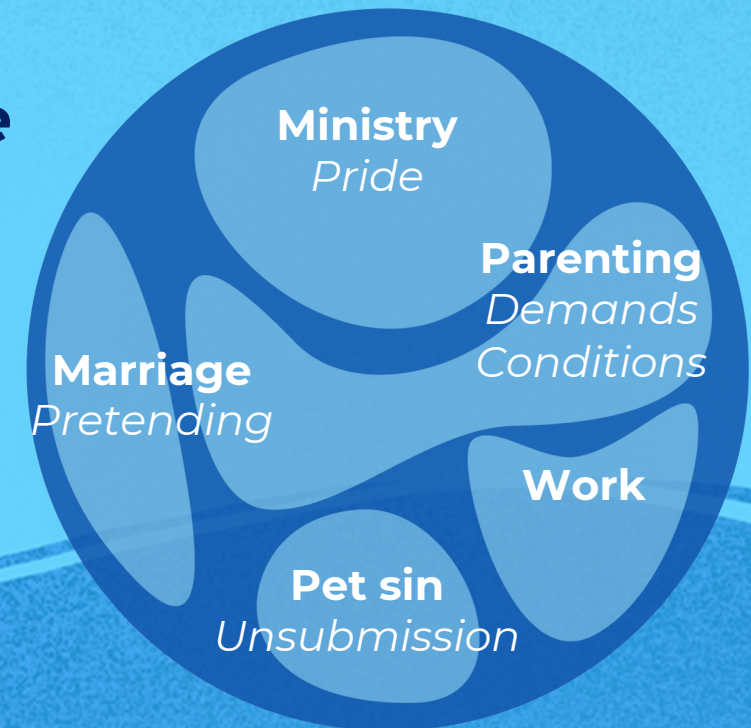
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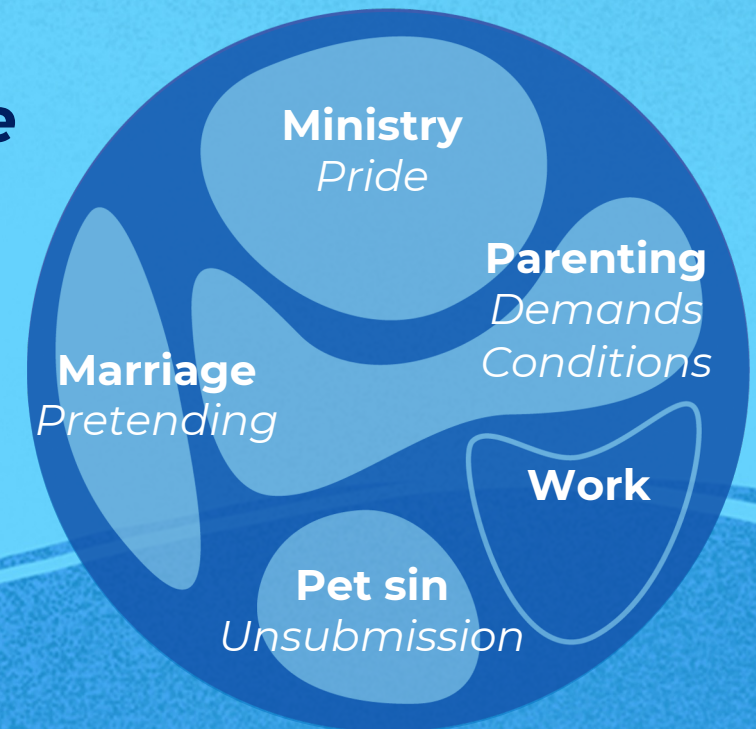
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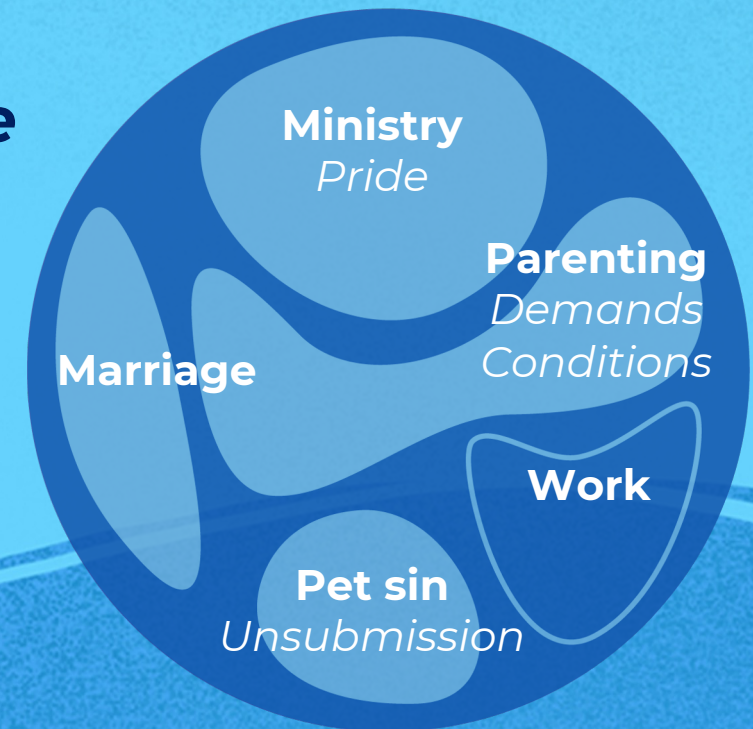
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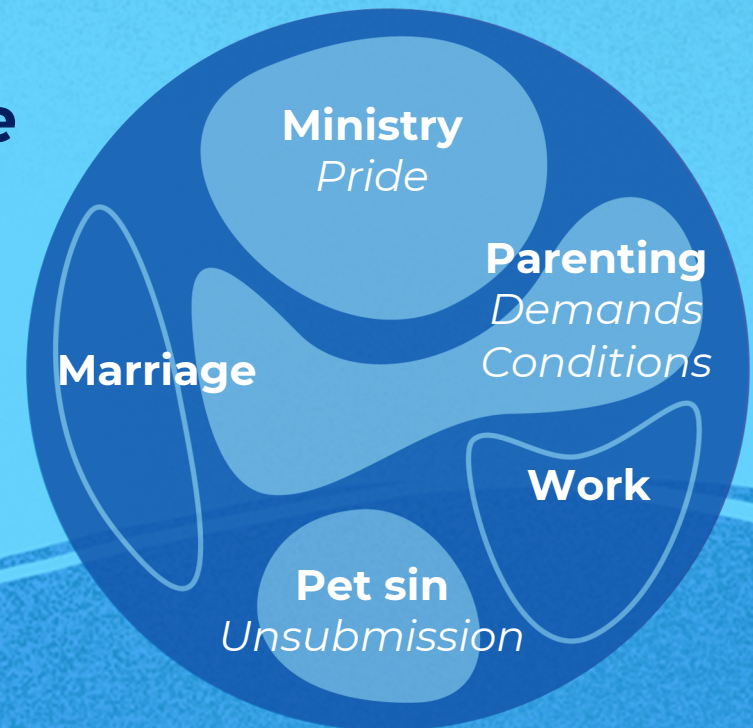
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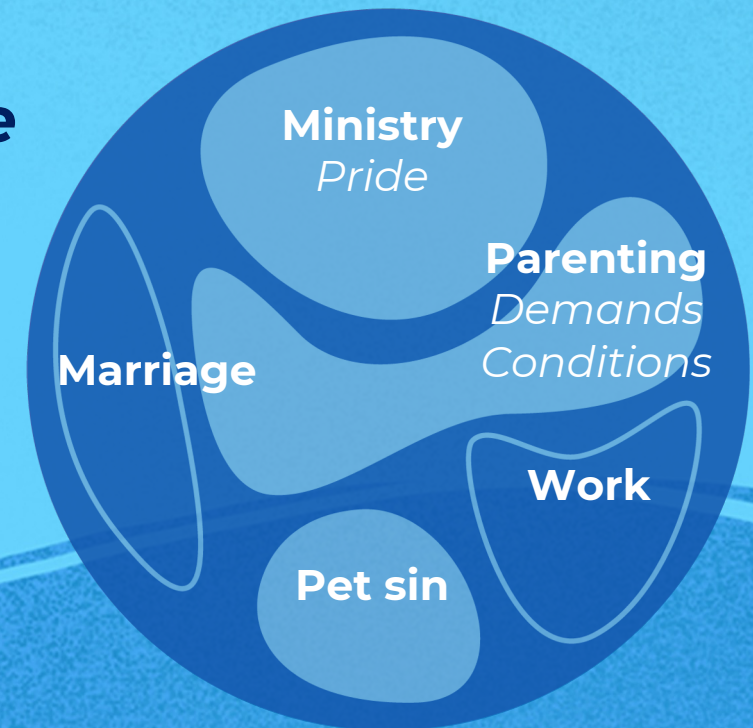
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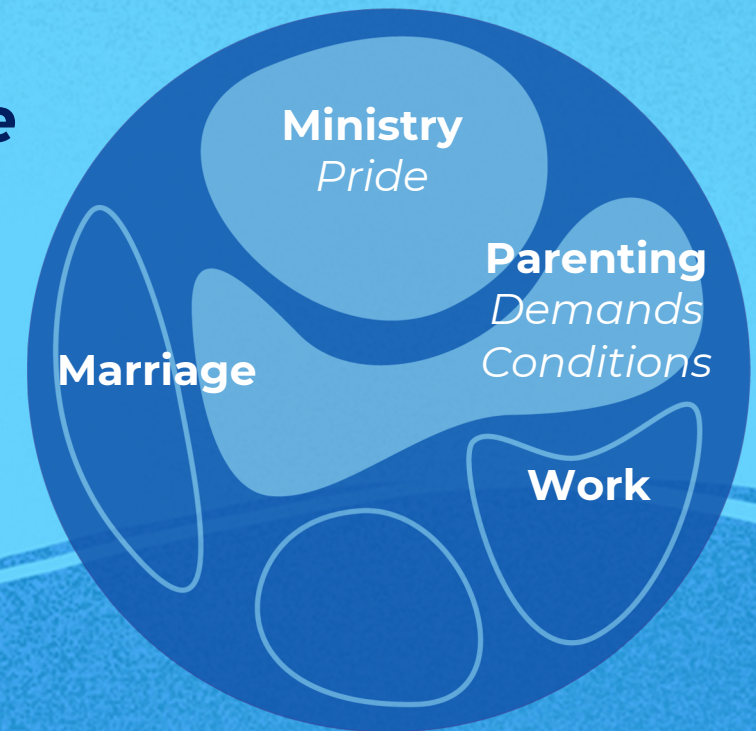
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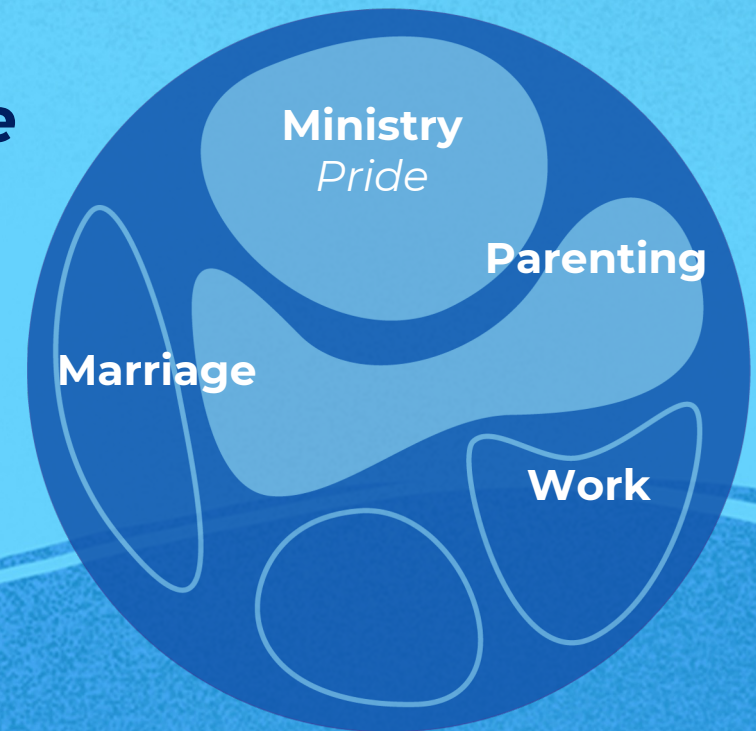
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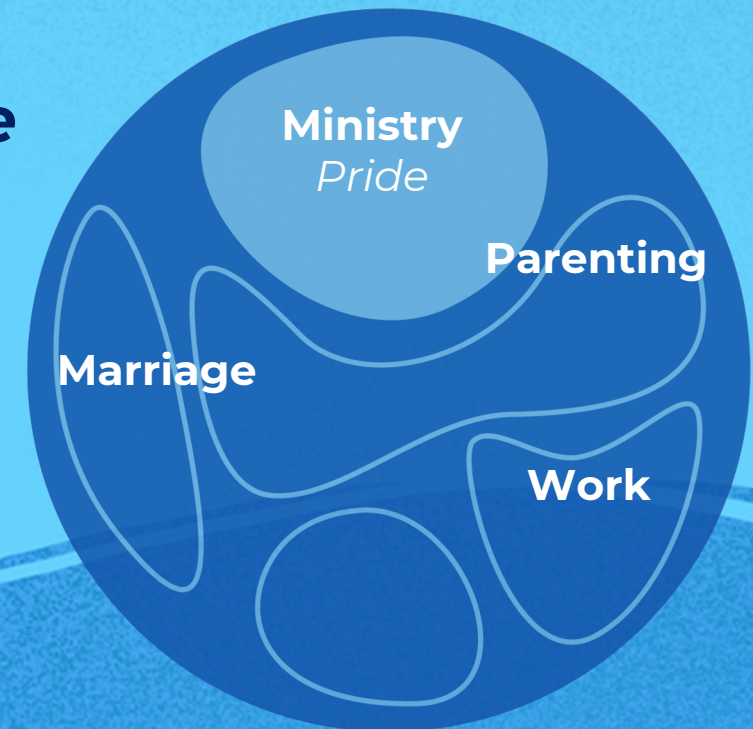
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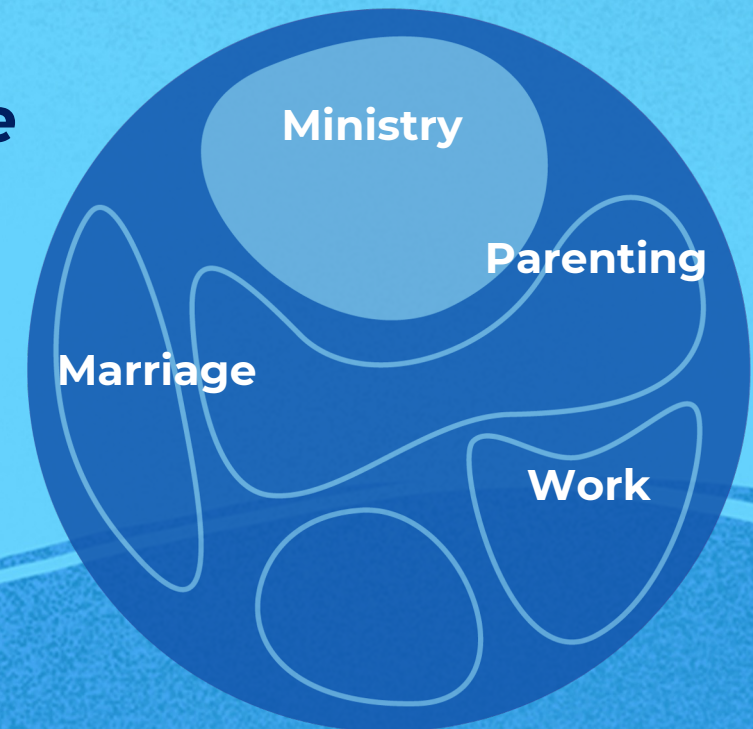
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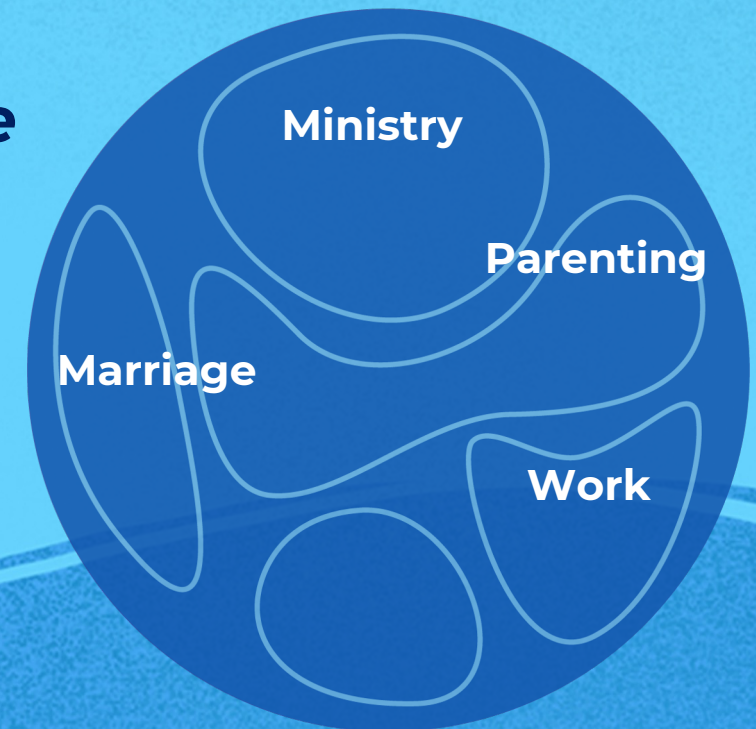
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Personal Response

- Draw a circle that represents your life. Then ask God to show you through his Spirit the areas that are not fully under his control. Draw these in your circle and name them.
- Now ask the Father to show you what you need to do to bring these areas into submission to him. Are there conditions that you need to cancel, demands you need to withdraw, sins you need to confess or lordship that you need to yield?
- Write a prayer of response to the Lord. If you are ready, begin the process of confession and submission.
- Now ask the Lord to fill you with his Spirit and take these areas fully under his control. Write out this prayer as well.



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