



May I Share

LETTERS FROM DAD

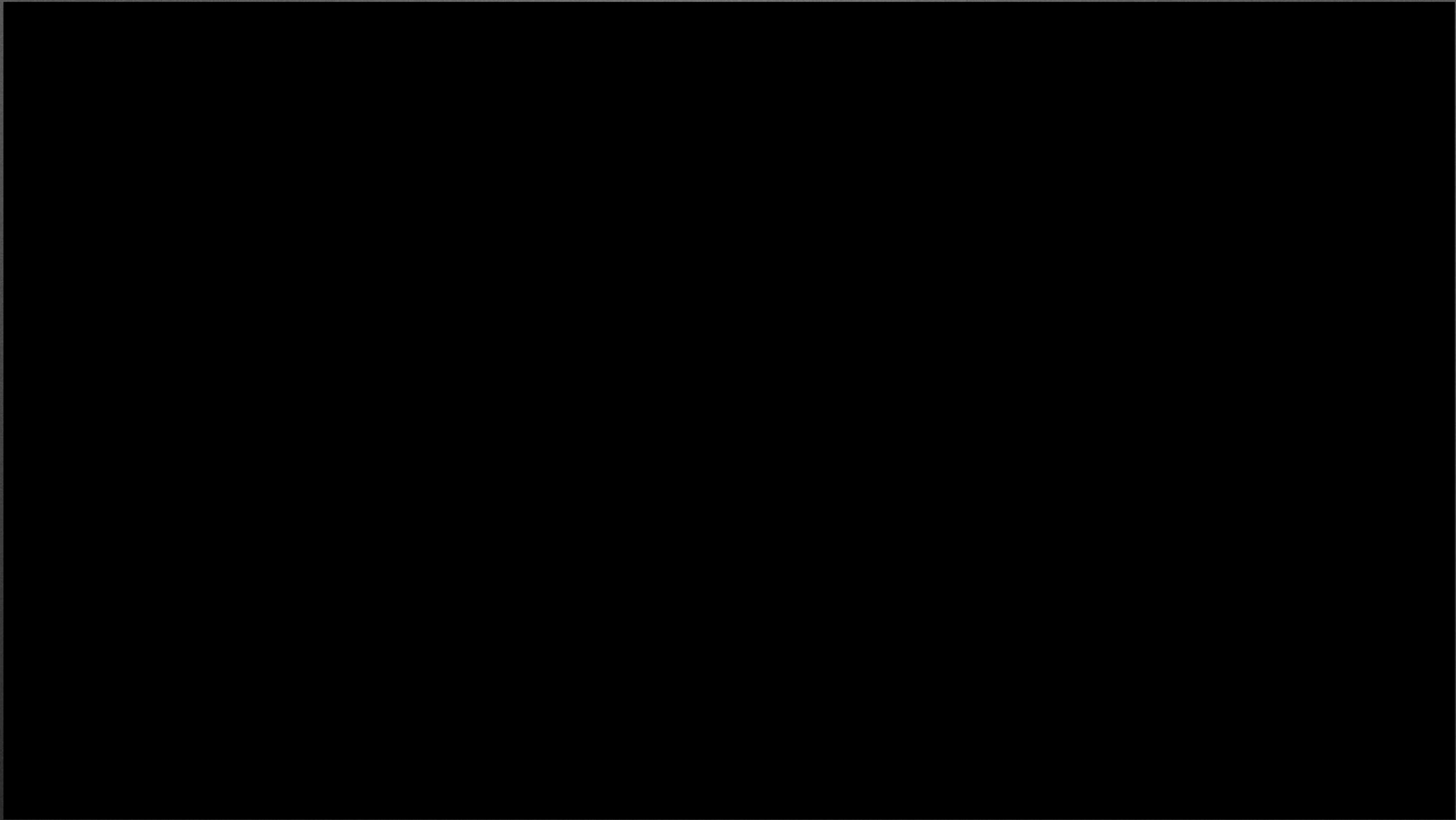
BY

Duke Heller

I am in fulltime ministry

I Just do it as a dentist

Letters from Dad

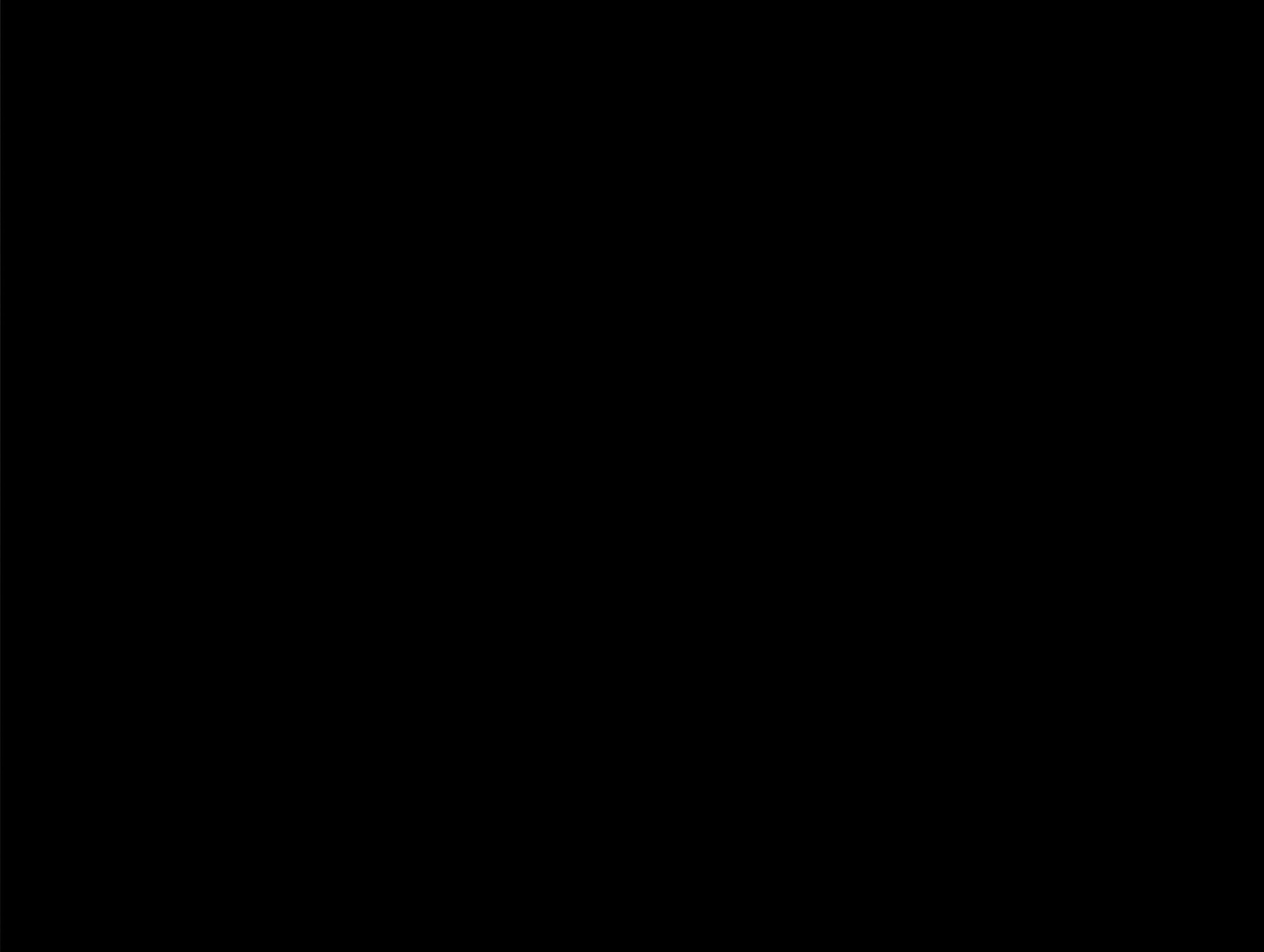


Letters from Dad - Softening the heart

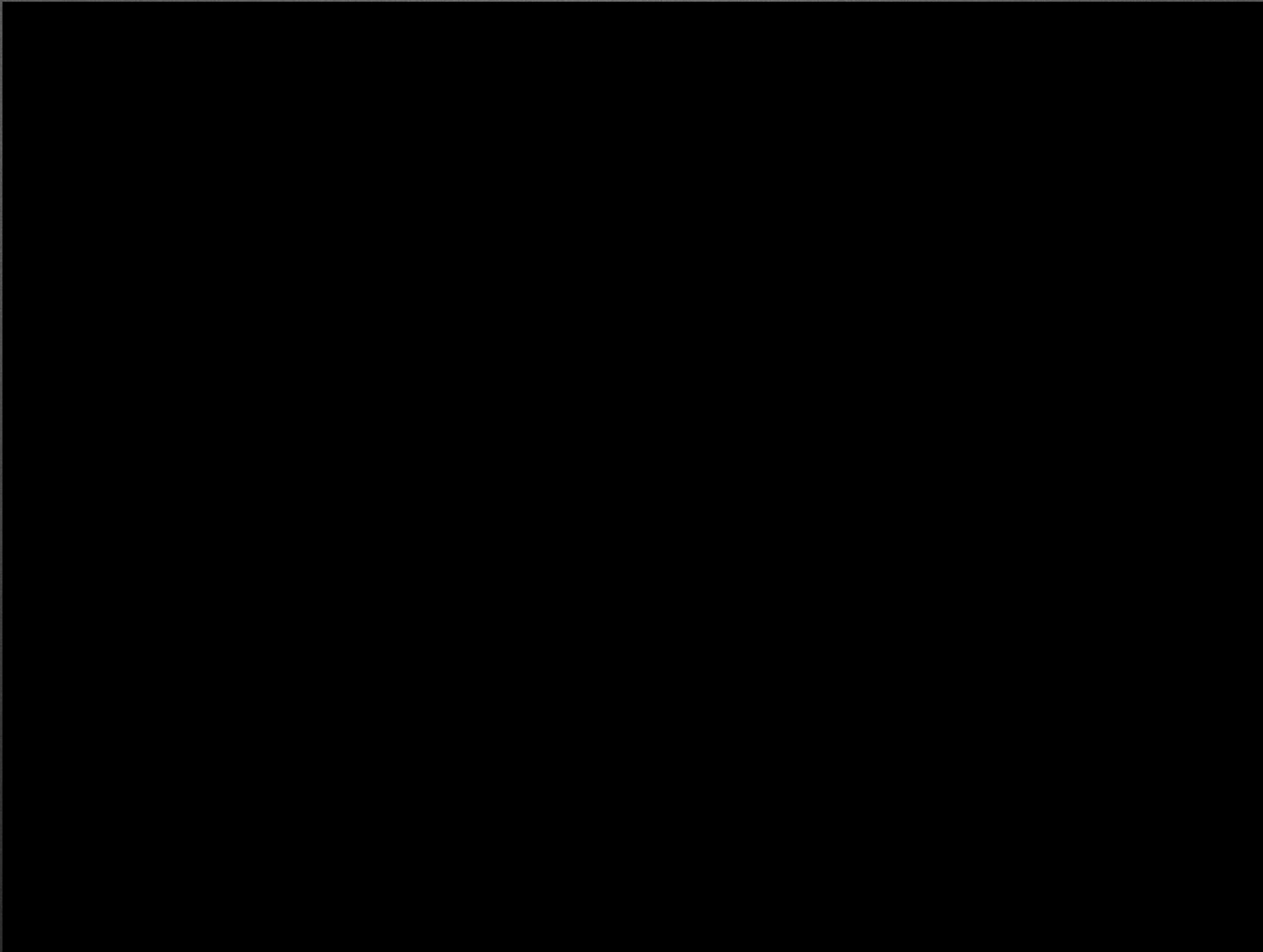


FAITH HOPE LOVE

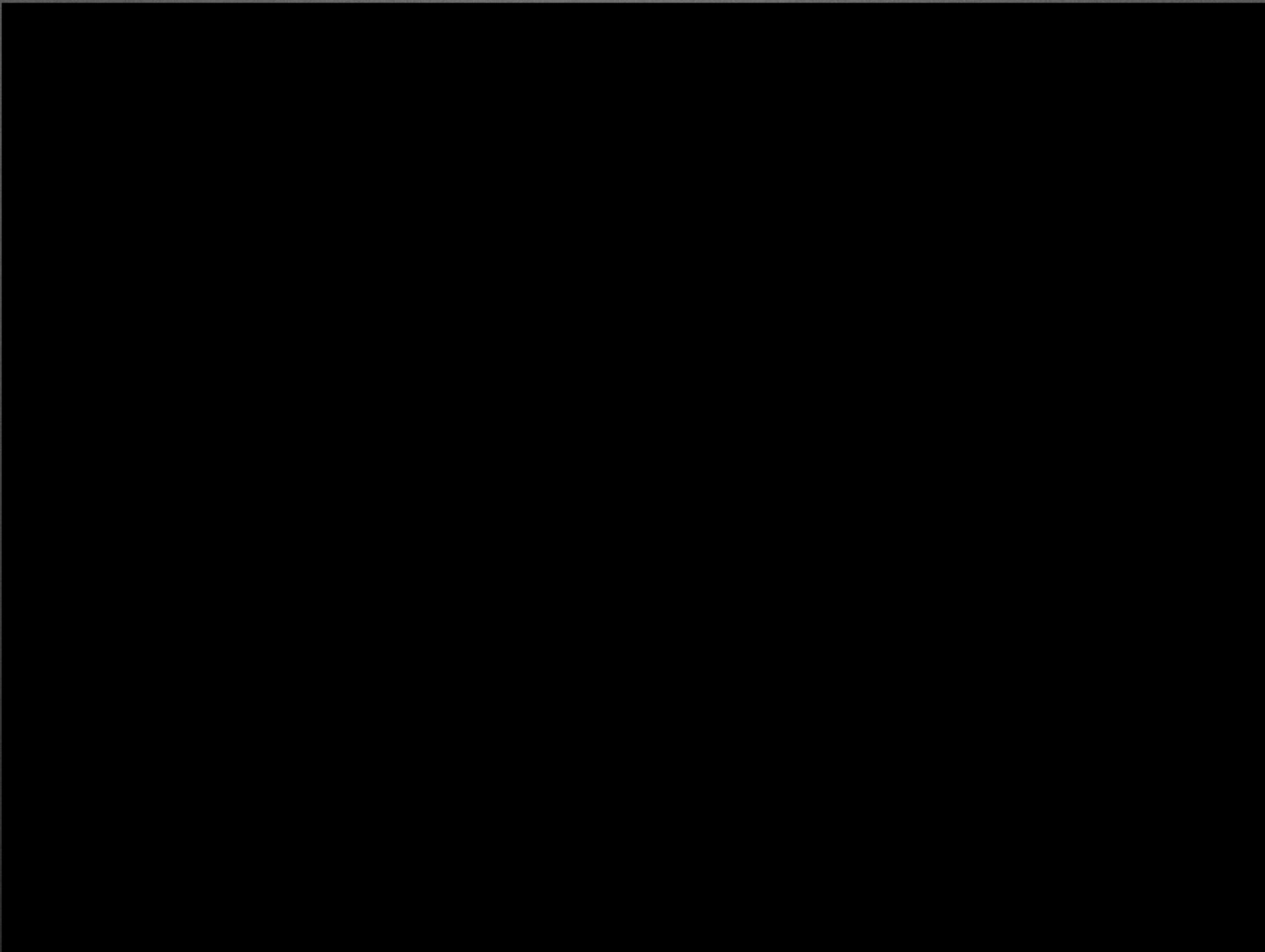
Father's approval



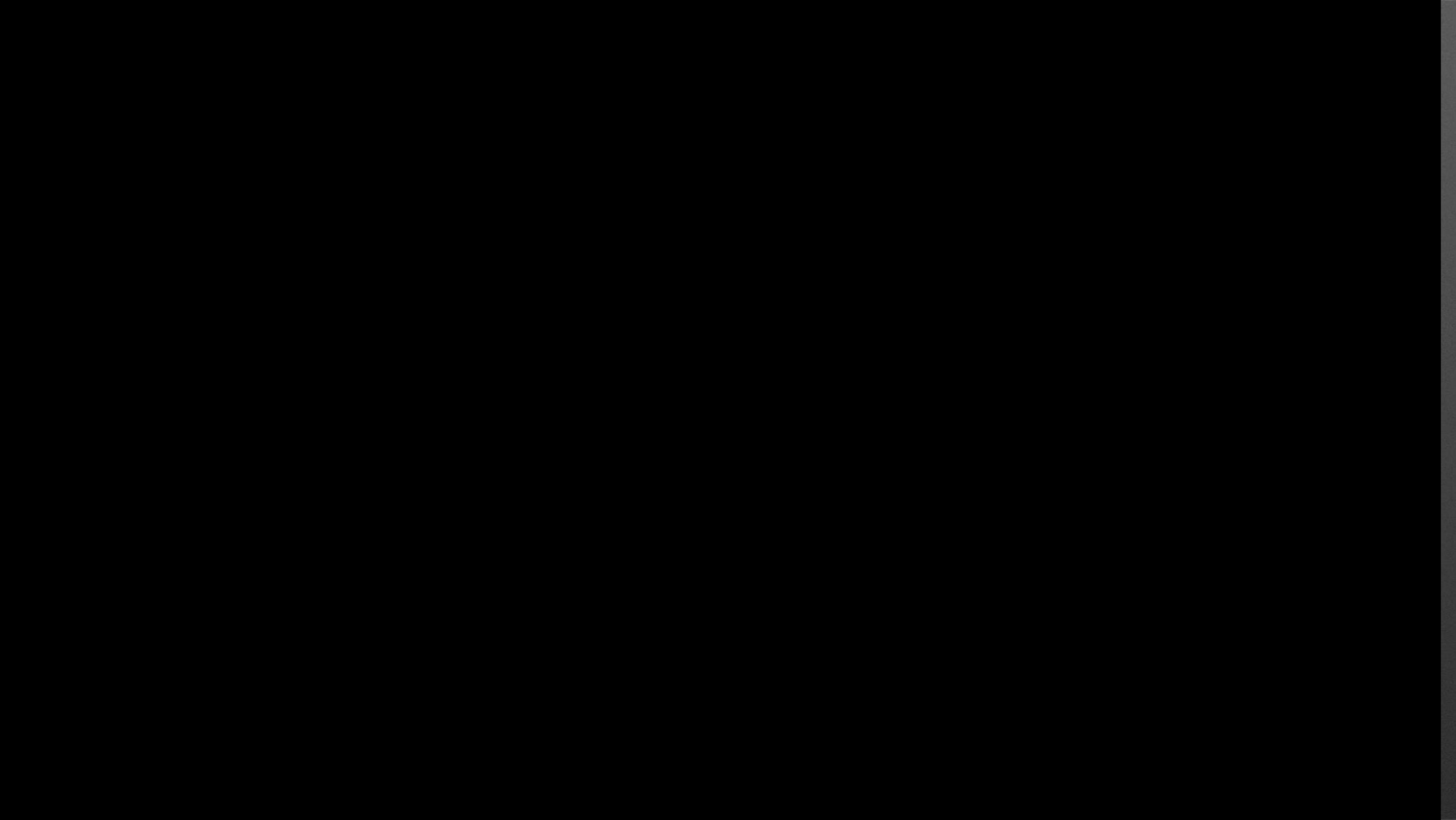
Son restoring with mother



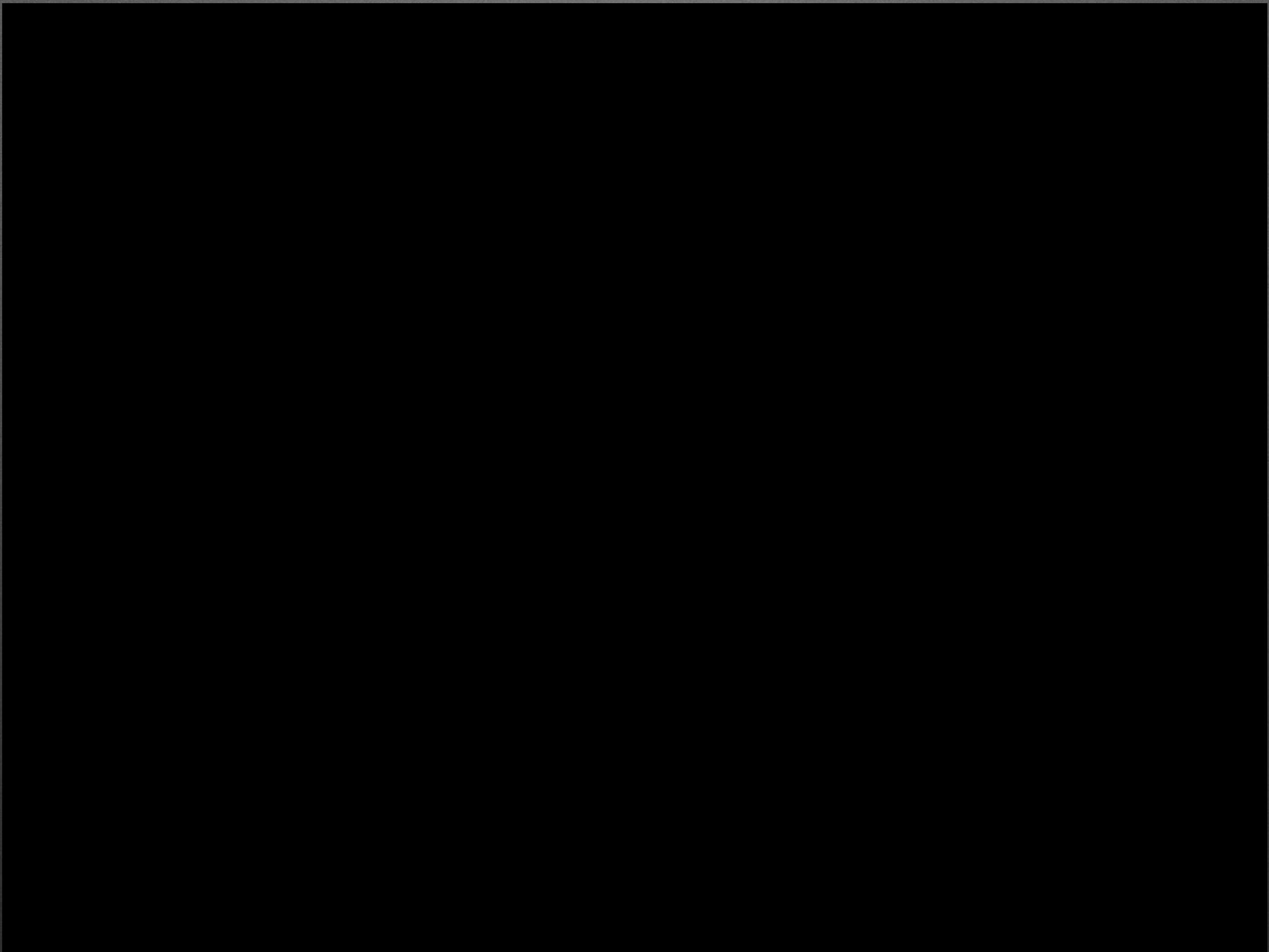
No Father



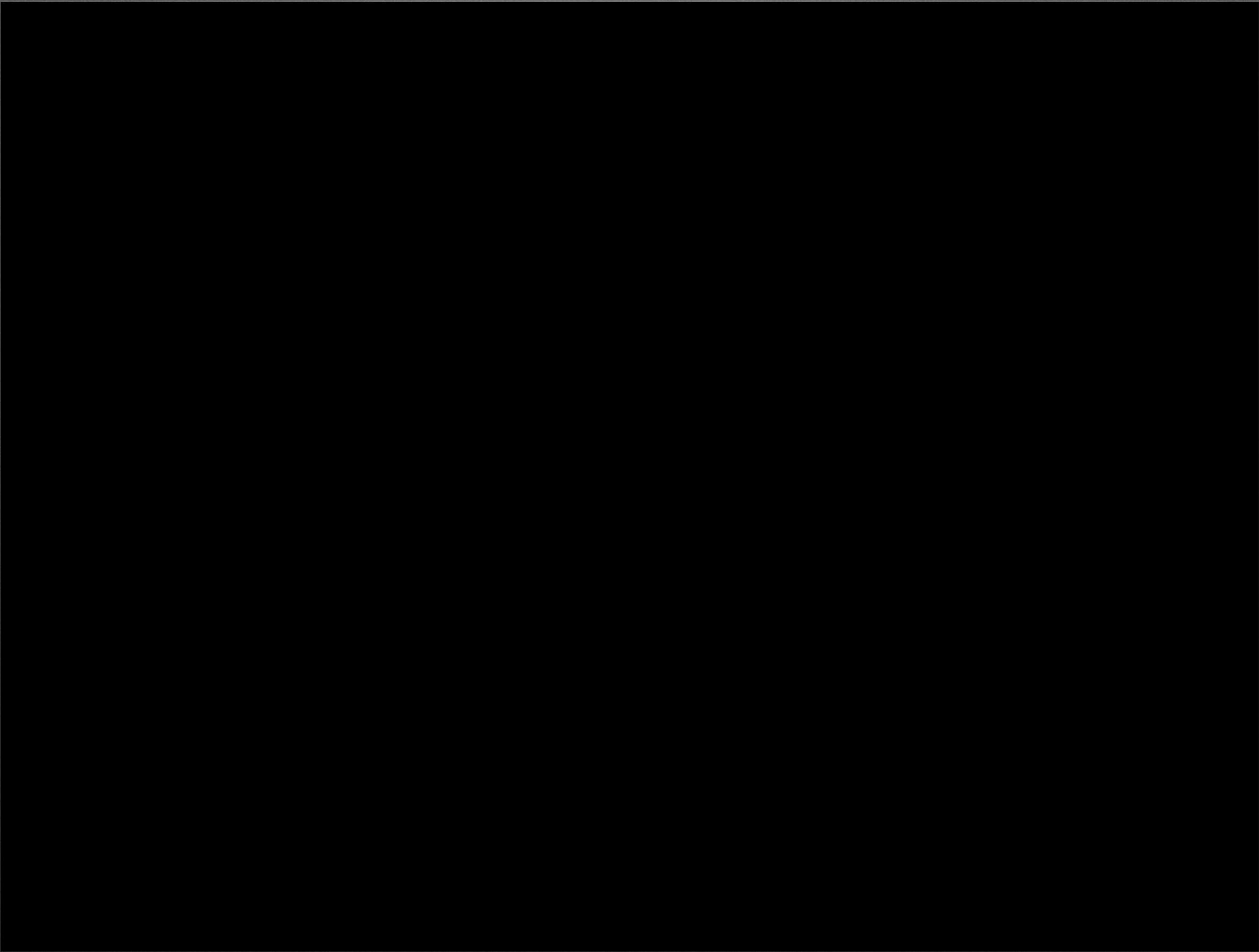
Letter to daughter



Tribute to a Daughter

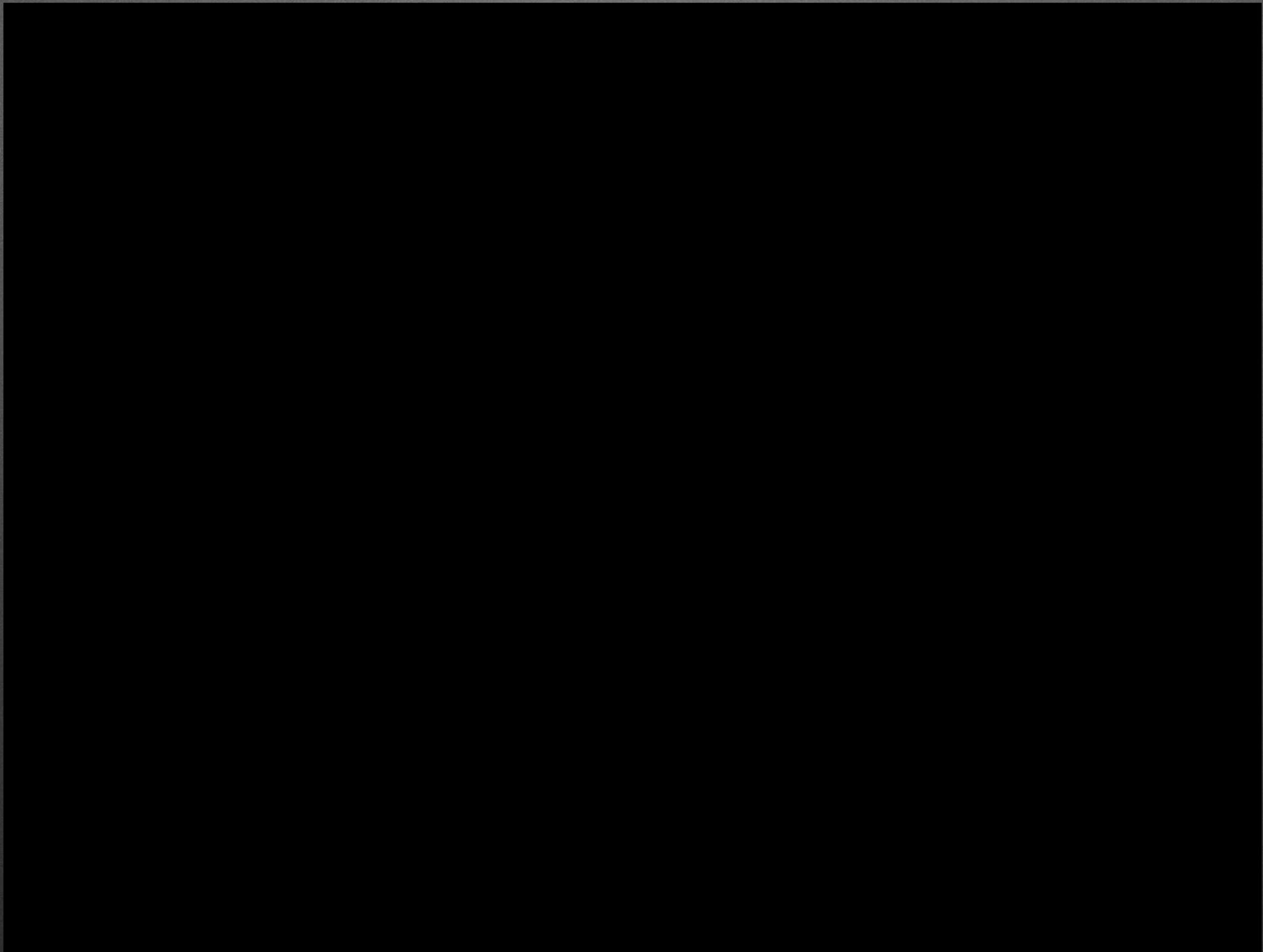


Letter to son



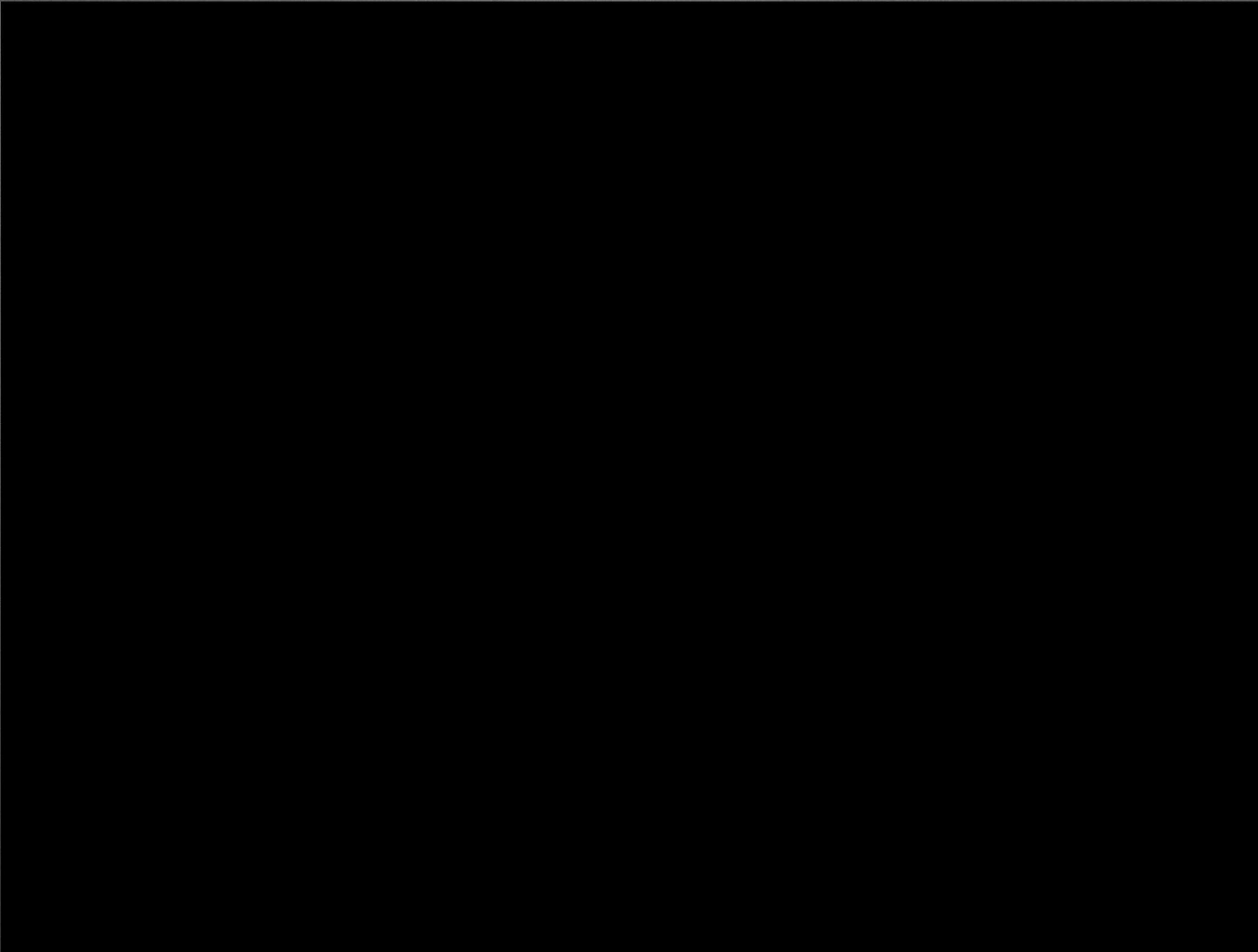
Letter to wife





Letters from Dad - Story of Love





**What are two things
you learned today that
will help you in writing
your letter assignment?**

Now let's get started

Back page with Four bullets

BULLETS AND MEMORY

- BULLET 1
- BULLET 2
- BULLET 3
- BULLET 4
- BULLET 5

Let's Get Started

Make **BULLETS** with **memories** attached

WIFE BULLETS

- Remember where I met you
- Our first date
- Wedding day
- Honey moon
- First child



Let's Get Started

Make **BULLETS** with **memories** attached

- Children going to school
- Child's first date
- Child's marriage
- Empty nesters



Let's Get Started

Make **BULLETS** with **memories** attached

CHILD BULLETS

- Remember how we felt when we knew mom and I were pregnant with you
- Characteristics that stand out that are “you”
 - High School Memories, College Memories
- Your marriage
- First child (Grandchild to mom and me)



Now let's get started

MAKE EACH BULLET A PARAGRAPH

- BULLET 1 - **When we first met** - write a paragraph on when we first met.
- BULLET 2
- BULLET 3
- BULLET 4
- BULLET 5

Now let's get started

HOW TO BEGIN WRITTING YOUR LETTER

- PRAY
- BE QUIET
- ASK GOD TO BRING MEMORIES AFTER EACH BULLET
- WRITE PARAGRAPH OF EACH BULLET
- READY SET GO WRITE

Act 20:24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me--the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace. **(Duke's directions from God.)**

Letters to our children and grandchildren is part of Finishing Well!

Plan to finish well for remaining years of life.

Meet with each child and grandchild one on one as if you are on your deathbed

“O Lord, I am calling to you. Please hurry!” Ps. 141:1.

Last letter from Duke, Dad, Poppi

WHO DID YOU WRITE YOUR LETTER TO?

WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO GIVE THE LETTER TO THEM?

WHO WILL BE YOUR NEXT LETTER OF BLESSING?



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WRITING YOUR **LAST LETTER** TO BE READ AFTER YOUR FUNERAL

GIVE TO EACH MEMBER IN AN ENVELOPE

THEIR GRAND CHILDREN WILL READ YOUR **LAST LETTER**

DOING YOUR OWN FUNERAL



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Is there a difference between

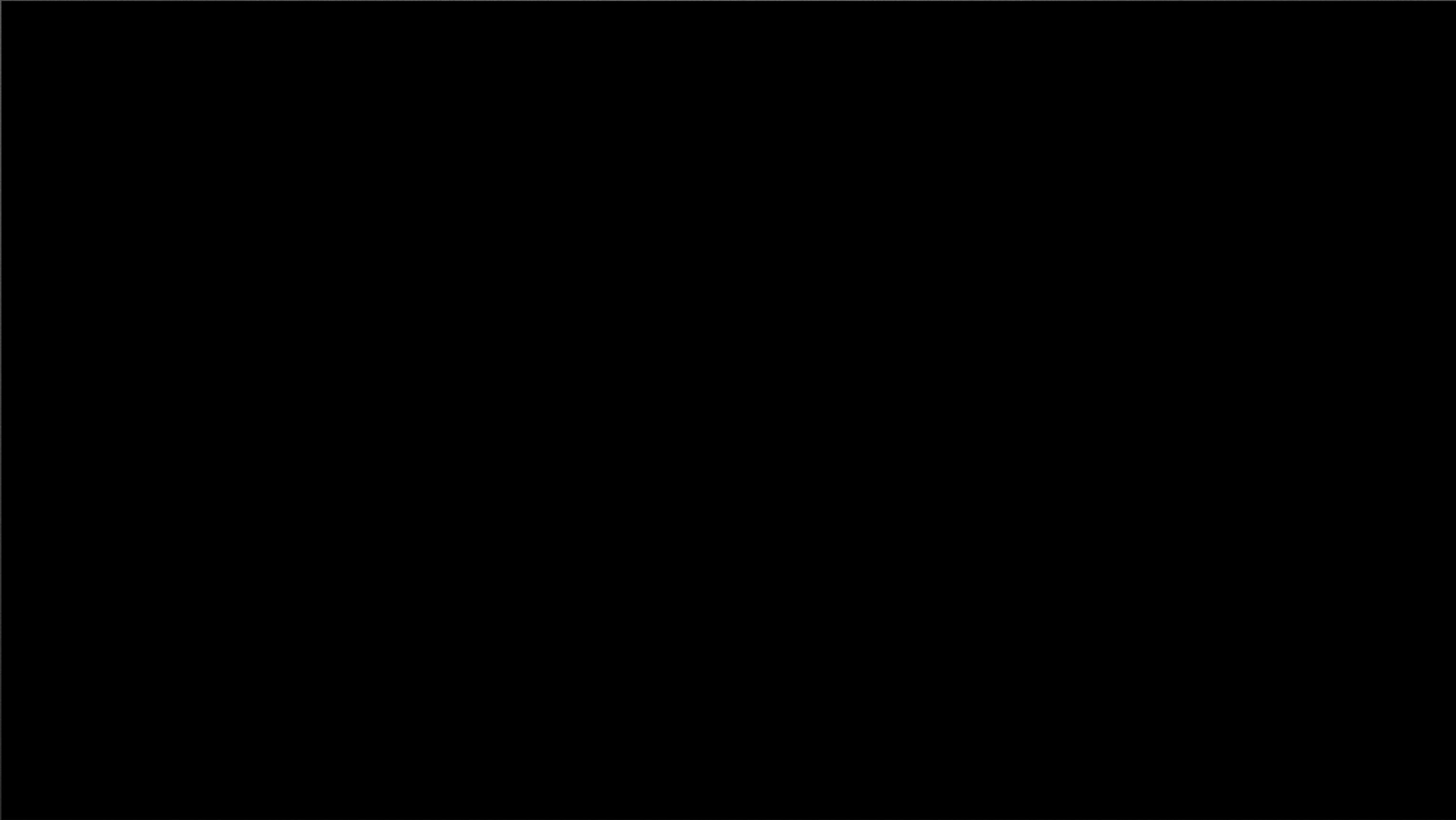
Guts

vs.

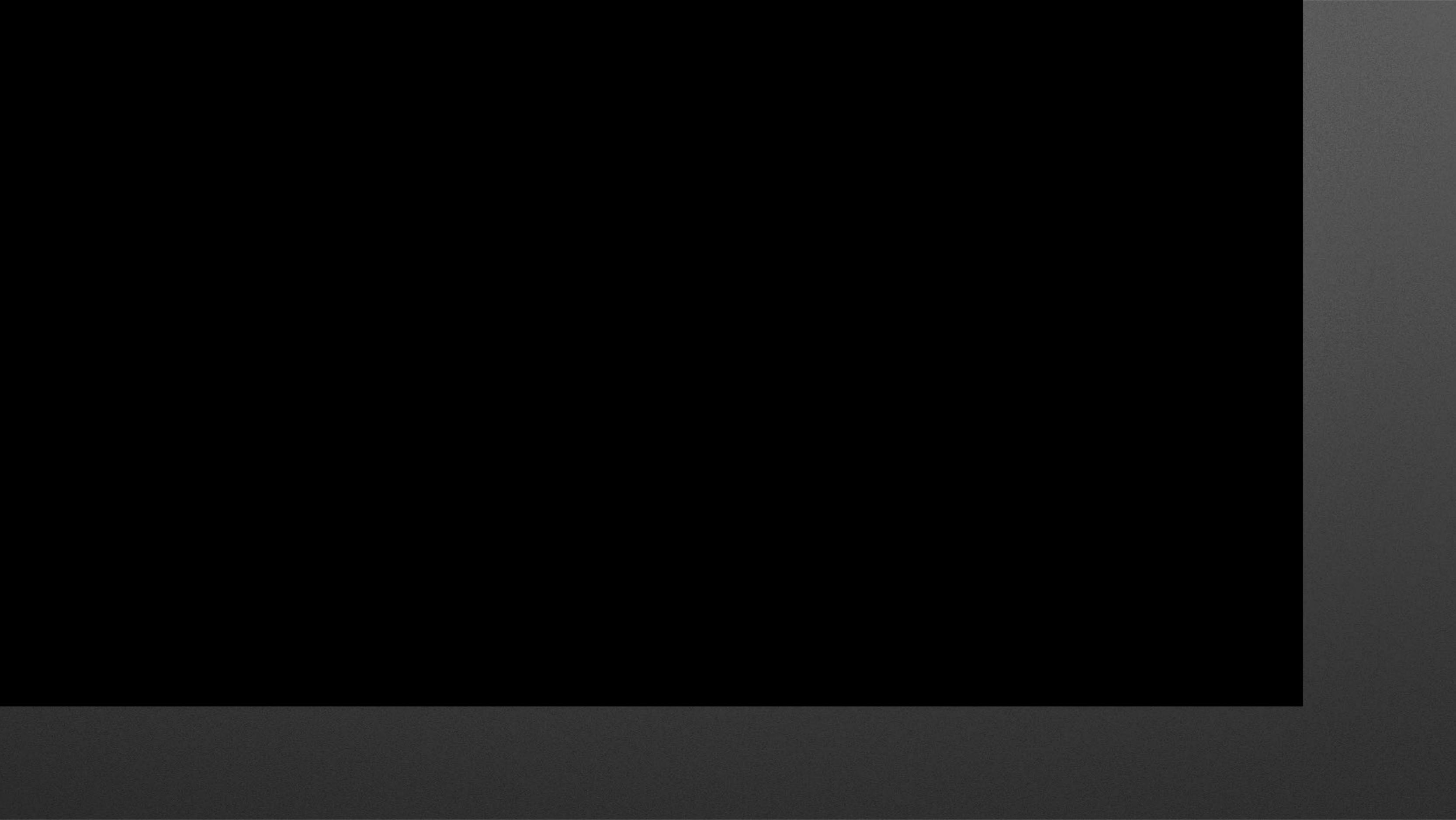
Courage

Learning to forgive





Story of Forgiveness





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July - August 2022

Session Three

- Continuation of writing a letter to second person
- Last letter written to your blood relatives to be read after your funeral
- Planning your funeral
- Make a video for your funeral

Who is going to be sitting in the front row of your funeral?

- Those are the people we want to spend time with while on earth
- At your funeral, will people be presented the Gospel as you would present it?
- Have you planned your funeral? What message will be conveyed?

Who is going to be sitting in the front row of your funeral?

- Have you done your funeral arrangements?
Funeral home details? Burial plots? Funeral design?
Pastor??
- Have you designed your funeral....if you go before your wife...if wife goes home first?
- **WHY NOT!!!!**

DAD'S AND DOUBTS

- Do you have doubts about heaven or hell? Do your family members have doubts? Culture influence!!!
- Faith is made up of promises **Hebrews 11:1**
- FAITH = Promises **2 Peter 1:2-4**
- Jesus is GOD and HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD. Will Funeral audience know that by coming to your funeral?
- Gospel - Short presentation **1 Corinthians 15:1-4**

Is there a difference between

Guts

vs.

Courage

Guts

“Guts” is overcoming fear with a task in mind, as tackling someone to stop their progress. OR Painting a fence in 100 degree weather in order to beat a time limit. Usually after completion there is little thought to the task.

Courage

“Courage” is overcoming fear with a consequence that is mental and occupies our mind before, during, and after the task is complete. Example is telling your wife she has bad breath whenever you notice it, **OR** purposely going to a loved one who has hurt you over many years and attempting to rebuild that relationship. **Deep courage is persistently** overcoming difficult situations in our life that keep repeating themselves; usually not seeing acceptable results.

Courage this week

- Write letters to your wife, your children, and your great grandchildren. = **written** legacy
- Plan and video your own funeral = **Visual** legacy
- Fishing story - Presbyterian Pastor, Baptist Pastor and Grace Brethren Pastor

**Who is going to show
your children where
the rocks are?**

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Legacy Films

**“Carve your name on hearts, not
tombstones.**

**A legacy is etched into the minds of
others
and the stories they share about
you.”**

- S.L. Alder

**“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.
Always be prepared to give an answer to
everyone who asks you to
give a reason for the hope that you have**

- Apostle Peter (1 Peter 3:15 (NIV))

**The best legacy is your
testimony
about Jesus.**

Three Types of Legacy Films

- Goodbye Message - played at your funeral
- Biography
- Special Family story
- The goal of all of these films is to **leave a legacy;** something that can be passed down to future generations that honors our Lord Jesus.



Goodbye Message

- Template is provided (On-line script writer)
- Script is formatted for the teleprompter
- Photographs are not mandatory but add so much to the message
- DVD/Video file of photos to loop through can also be produced

Biography and Special Story

Legacy Films

- A little more involved
- Documentary style
- Interviews, old photographs, special footage (B-roll)

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