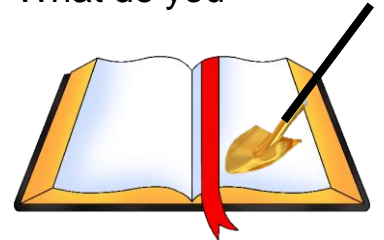


“PUT YOURSELF IN THEIR SHOES”



Recall times when you have naturally rejoiced with others? What do you remember most about that joy?



What do remember most about times when you wept with others who were experiencing sorrow?



Why is unnaturally doing that with those we struggle with so difficult?



When experiencing annoyance in a relationship, is your first response to be “understood” or to “understand?” What benefit might you realize if you sought to better understand your offender?



Have you ever found yourself in a similar state as the elder brother (Luke 15:25-32)? What was the source of your resistance? Why do you think you had a desire to nurture your hatred? How might you have done things differently?