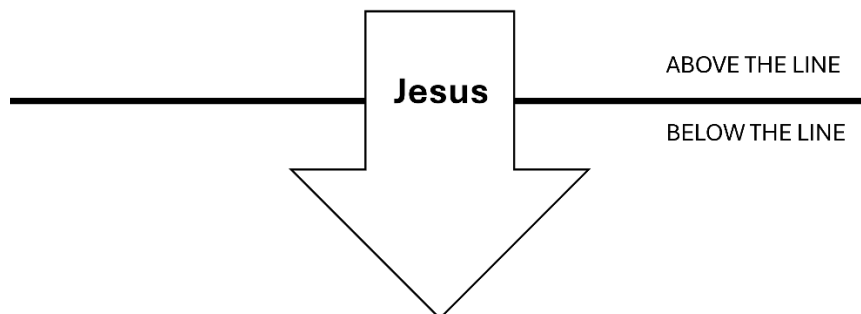




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We started this journey with the Ultimate Coach-Triangle diagram, and we saw how our relationships are at best limited because of our prejudices, biases, agendas and distractions that we bring into every relationship. We lack trust, compassion, love and loyalty.

Then we looked at The Ball-Circle diagram and realized how we operate in the world outside the will of God. We inflate ourselves with the things of this world trying to meet our divine needs of love, security, acceptance, worth/value, and affirmation. We repeat these things but always want more because they never satisfy us. They are unable to ever satisfy us. We experience deflation which can lead to depression and other things all of which can lead us to death. We are continuously seeking to meet our needs through the world but always come up short because the world is insufficient to meet divine needs. We are lost.

Then we looked at the Living Below the Line diagram and the line that we created by the law of our own sin and flesh. We are in prison, trapped with no way of escape. We are prisoners. How do we get above the line?

Jesus is the ONLY way out of living below the line. You see God is perfect justice. There must be punishment for your crime – you are guilty of sin. Jesus was and is the only PERFECT sacrifice that saved the entire world (John 3:16). Jesus' death broke through the line and opened the way for you to receive Him, and to experience the true life above the line the God designed for us.

God is also the perfect love. God loves you beyond your ability to comprehend, and He wants to save you, so He sent Jesus to solve and reconcile both God's perfect JUSTICE and His perfect LOVE. By Jesus



coming to this earth in human form, by denying all of His power, and by being obedient to the point of death, even death in the most painful way – on a cross – it allowed God to place ALL SIN on him. Jesus died with every single one of our sins, so that it satisfied God’s just requirement and provided the extreme grace of reconciliation between us and God.

**Questions to Ponder:**

What other way could God have had you pay for your sins?

Have you ever experienced a love so great that someone is willing to die in your place?

**Romans 5:8** - but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us

**John 3:16-17** For God so loved the world that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.