

How understanding forgiveness fuels mission

Luke 7:36 – 50

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Would you rather have your boss give you:

**a very clear list of
duties and
expectations, but
not explanation
why?**

**the big-picture
mission, but not say
what is expected of
you?**

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"The woman"

Un-named.....

- **"Sinner"**
- **Doesn't speak**
- **Shows hair (7:38, 44)**

....but deeply honoured (7:48, 50)

- **Forgiven**
- **Saved**
- **"Go in peace"**

The reason why she loves much

Is because she is forgiven much

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*Simon the
Pharisee*

Evaluating Jesus (7:39)

Cold welcome (7:44-46)

“Teacher” (7:40)

A story (Luke 7:41-42)

Neither can pay the debt –

But who loves the most?

The reason why he can't
understand Jesus

**Is because he doesn't
understand who he himself is**

*“He’s fallen into sin” – a big
thing someone else does*

*“for my sins” – small
mistakes or omissions*

Luke 7:49: ‘Who is this who even forgives sins?’

Luke 5:21 “Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Sin is against God

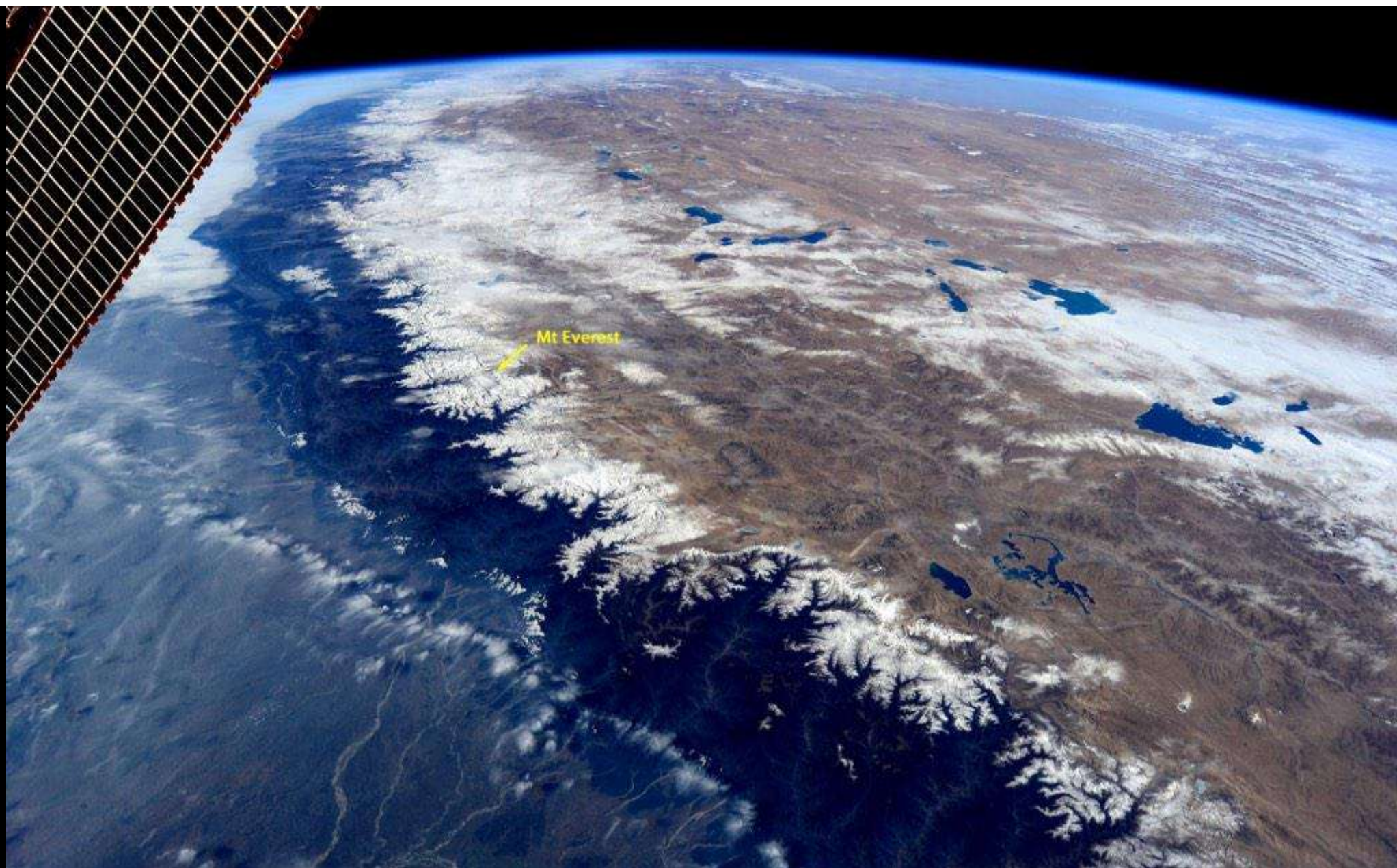
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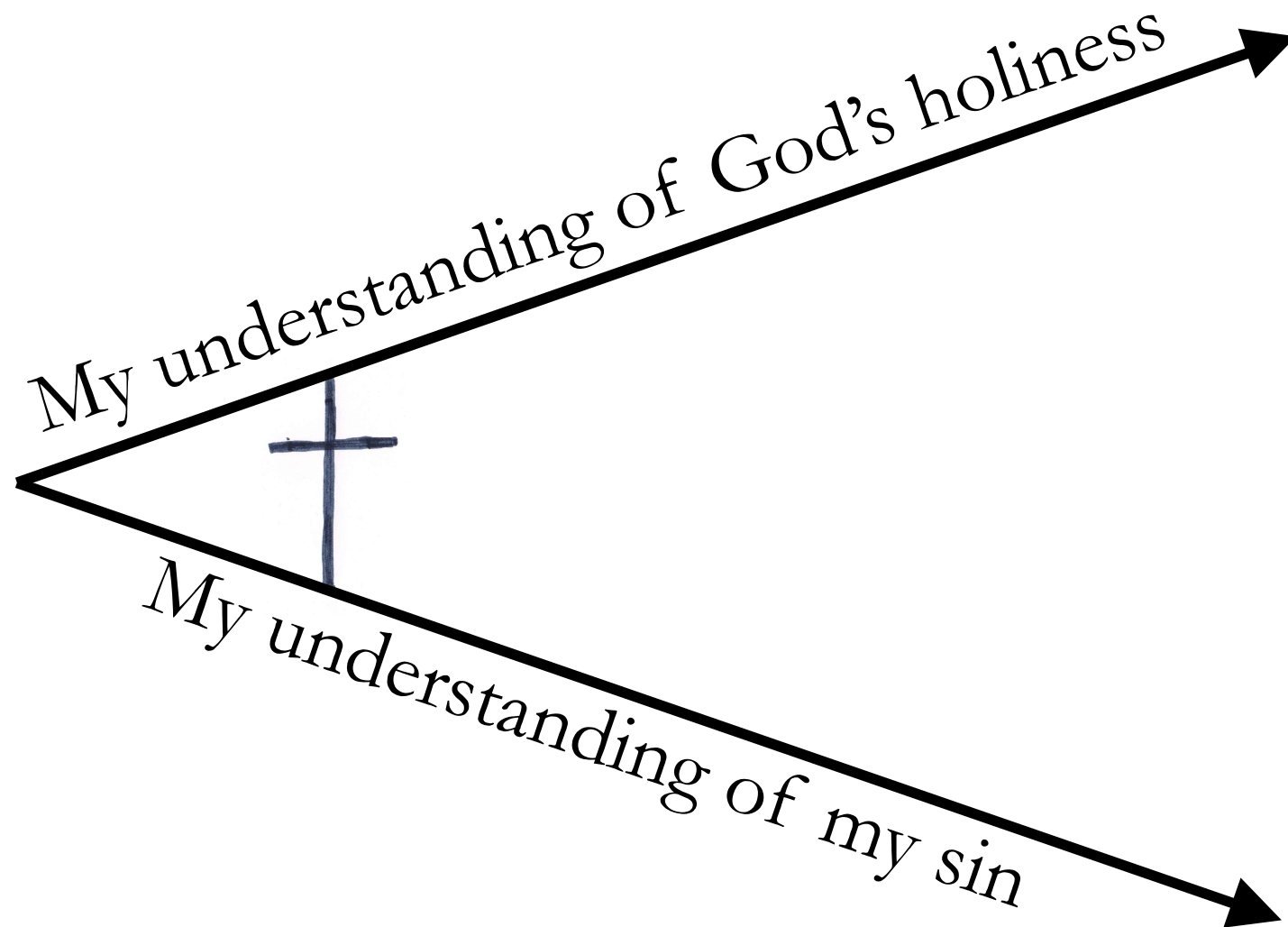
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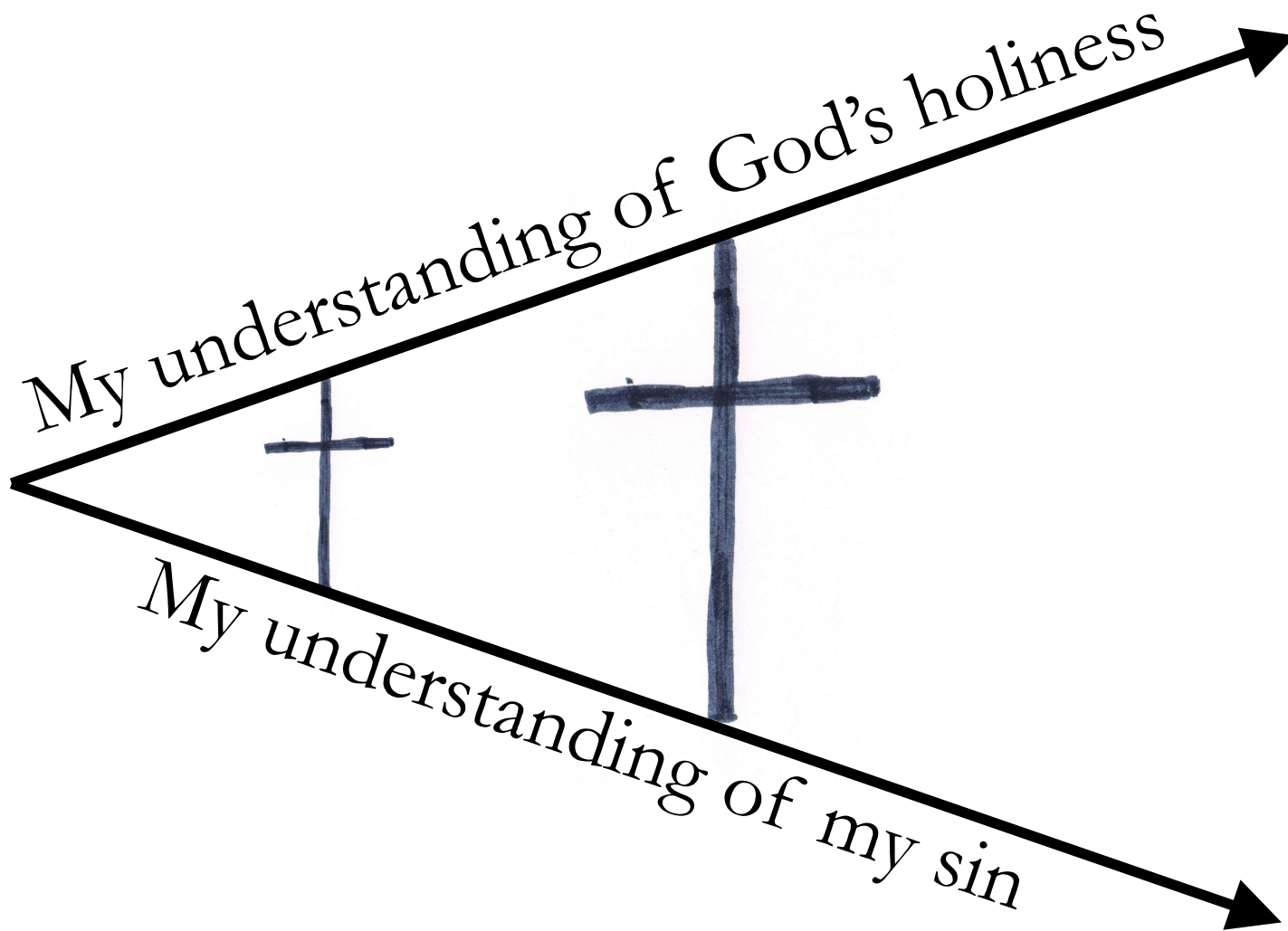
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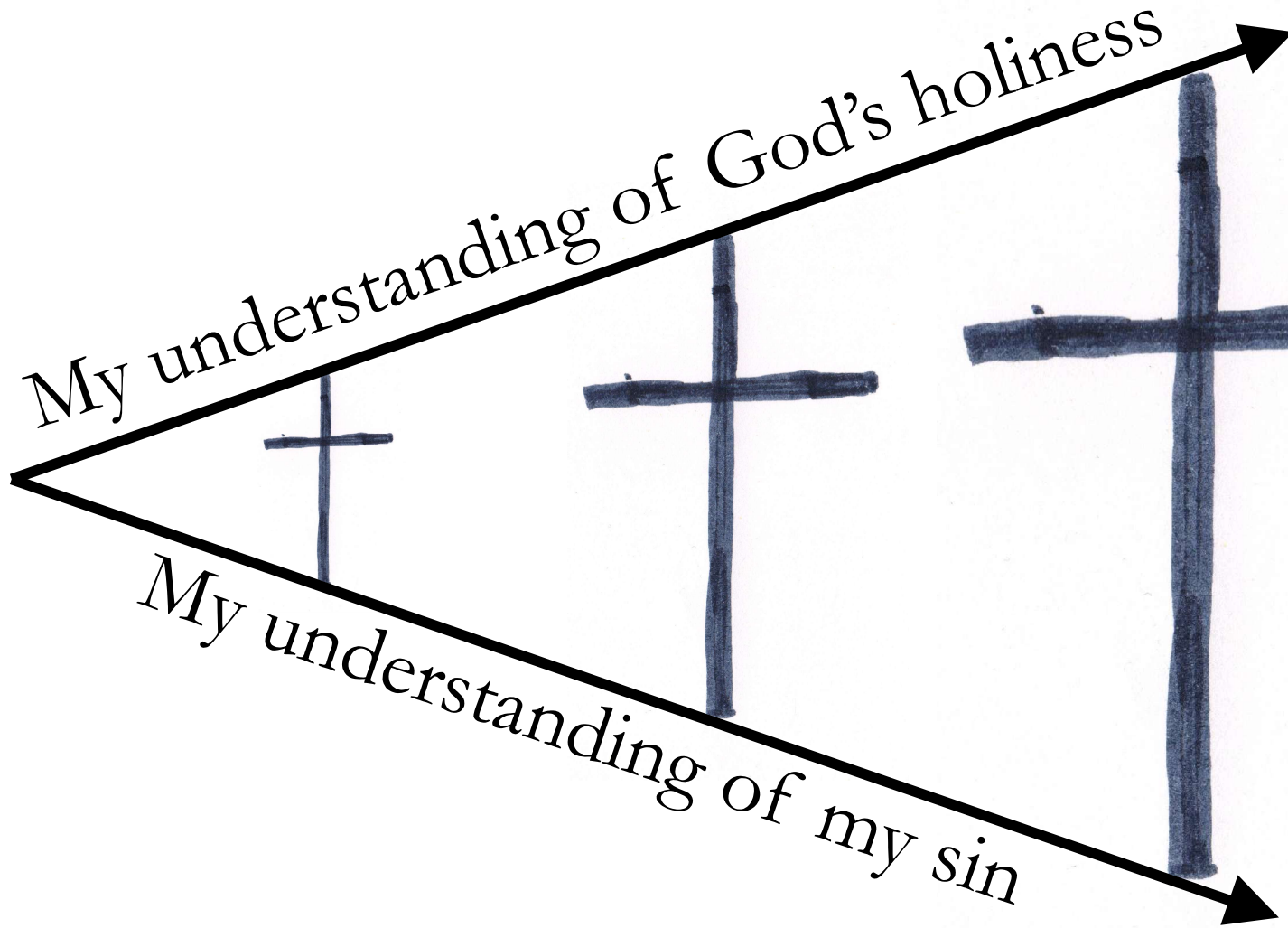


The reason why we don't
understand Jesus

**Is because we are not willing to
understand who we are**







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Luke 7:44-46

Then he turned towards the woman and said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I came into your house...

You did not give me any water
for my feet.

You did not give me a kiss

You did not put oil on my
head,

but she wet my feet with her
tears and wiped them with her
hair.

but this woman ... has not
stopped kissing my feet.

but she has poured perfume
on my feet

Luke 8:1-3

¹After this, Jesus travelled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, ²**and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out;** ³Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

Luke 3:3

[John the Baptist came] “preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.”

Luke 7:30 (NKJV)

But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.

Jesus is not pronouncing
condemnation

He is offering an invitation