

A Tale of 4 Mothers

BECAUSE WE ALL HAVE (AT LEAST) ONE

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MUMS
vs.



MARVEL

But there's a story behind everything: How a picture got on a wall... how a scar got on your face... Sometimes stories are simple, and sometimes they are hard and heartbreaking. But **behind all your stories is always your mother's story, because hers is where yours begins.**

- Mitch Albom, *For One More Day*

How is your relationship with
your mum?

EVERY
CHILD

MUM'S ROLE

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

Just **as a nursing mother cares for her children, ⁸so we cared for you.**

Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only ***the gospel of God*** but ***our lives*** as well.

HOW MUCH IS A MUM WORTH?
WHAT IS THE ANNUAL SALARY OF A MOTHER?

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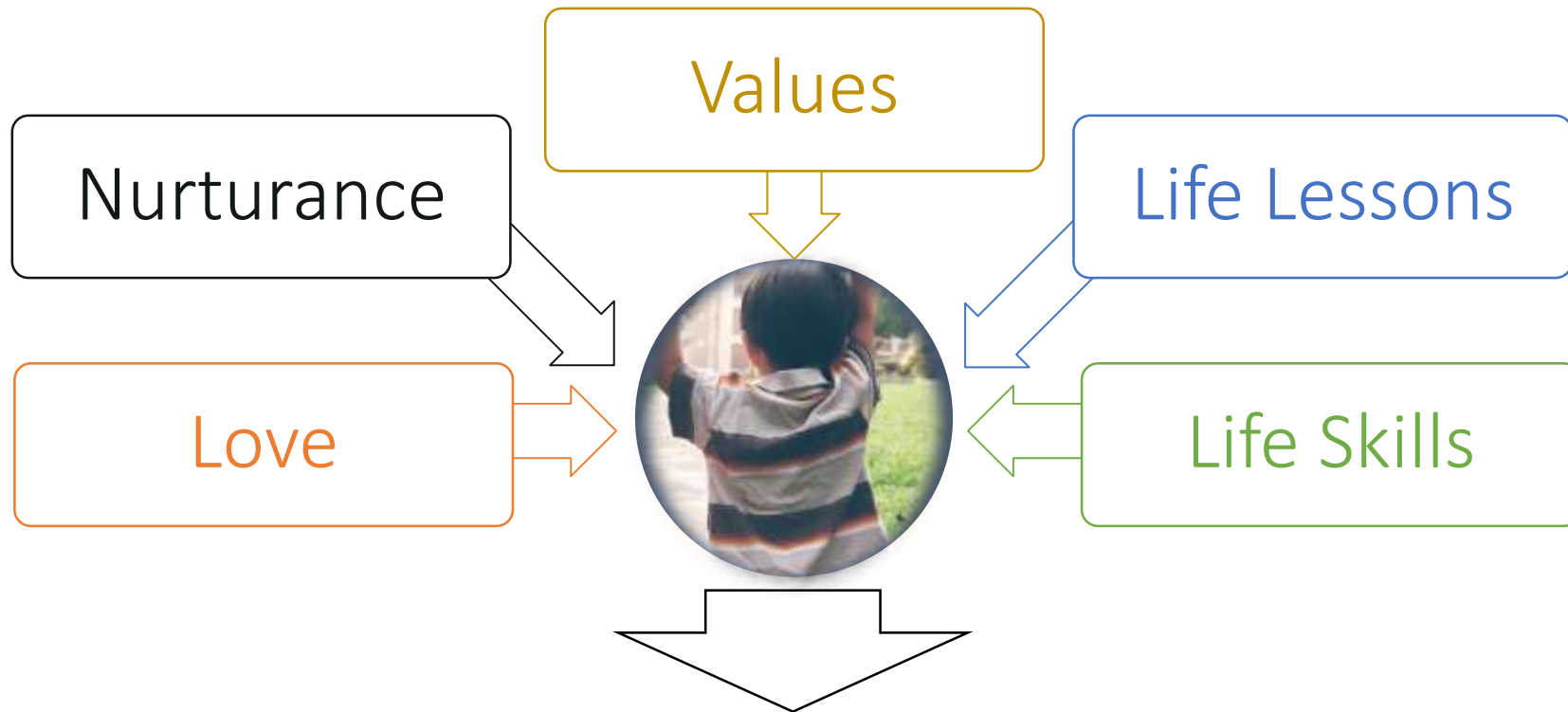
(Proverbs 31:31)

Honour Your Mother

(Exodus 20:12) **Honour** your father and **your mother**, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

(Ephesians 6:2-3) “**Honour your father and mother**,” which is **the first commandment with a promise:** ³ “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

MILESTONES



Healthy **self-image** | Higher **achievement motivation** | **Protective factors**

MEMORIES

Kids need a mother who takes time to be in the **present** to build memories for their **future's past**.

- *What Kids Need Most in a Mom* by Patricia H. Rushford

MOOD

TODAY

singapore

Study finds negative words from mums, not dads, have worst impact on self image

Teenager Post # 3568

"Hey did you ask yet?" "No my mom's in a bad mood."

Restore the Relationship

1. **REPENT** (1 John 1:9; 2 Chronicles 7:14)



2. **RENOUNCE** (Numbers 30:2)



3. **RENDER INEFFECTIVE – Break** (Matthew 16:19; 18:18)



4. **RID** (Hebrews 12:1)

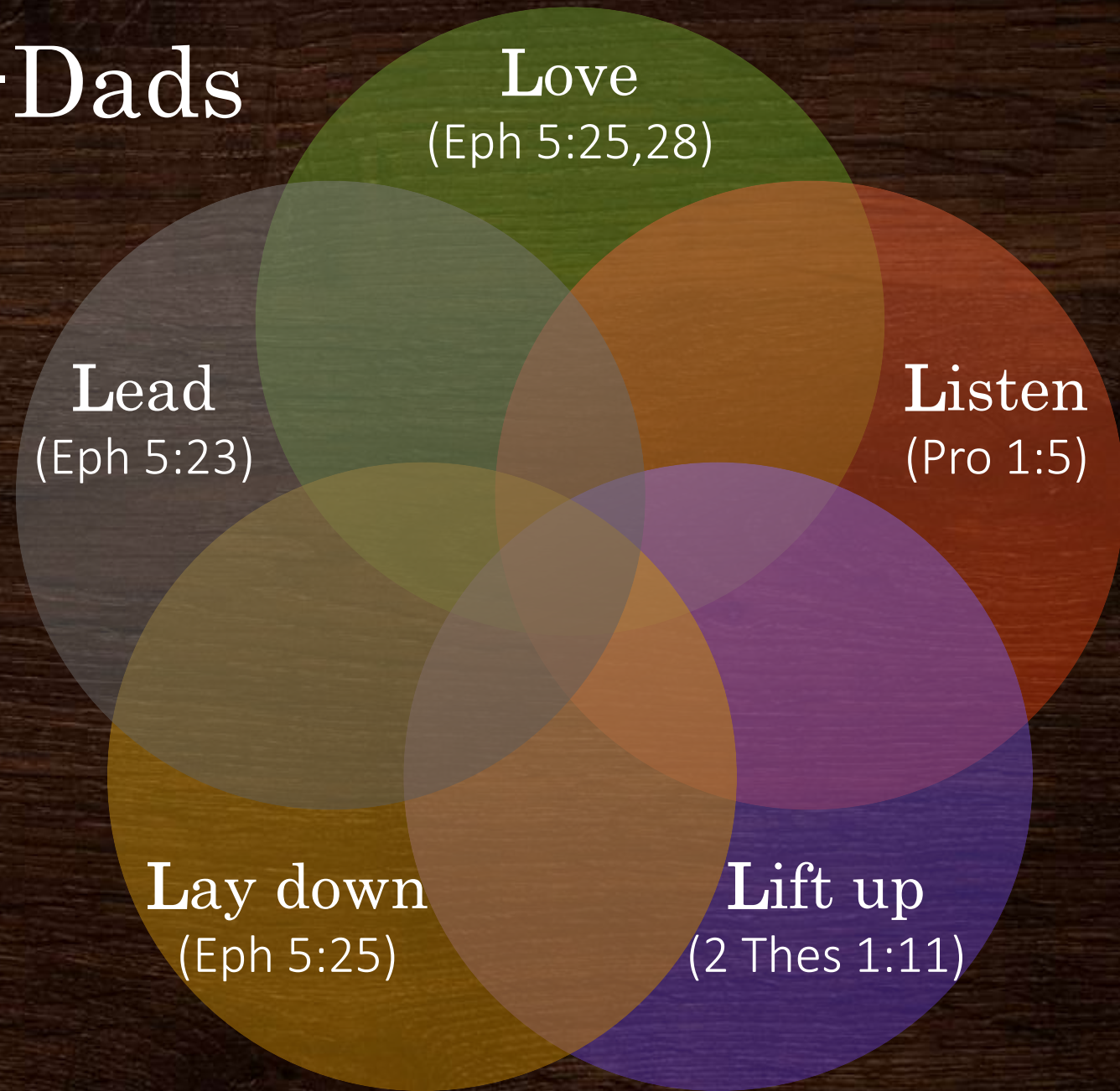


5. **RELEASE – Forgive** (Matthew 6:15)



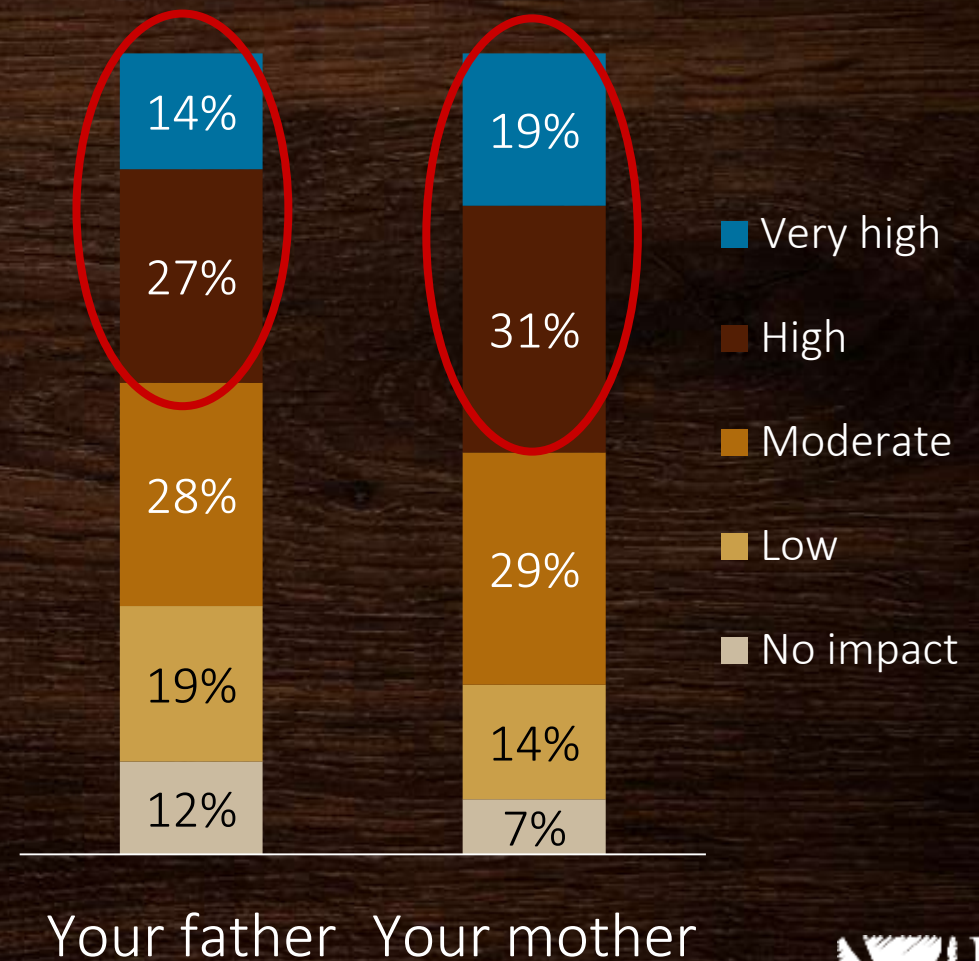
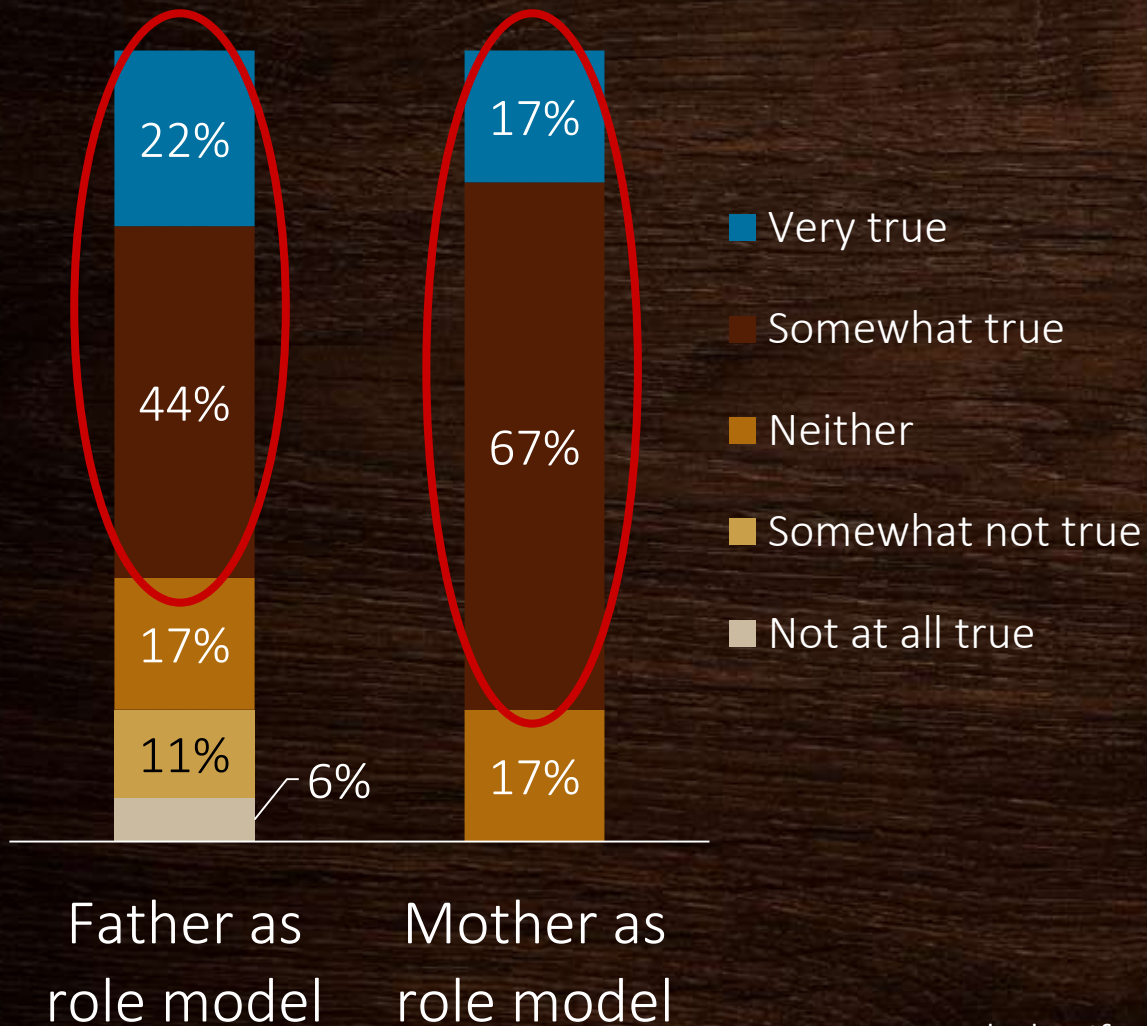
EVERY
FATHER
who is
Husband to a
Mum

Husband-Dads



I see my parents' relationship with God as **role models** for my relationship with God.

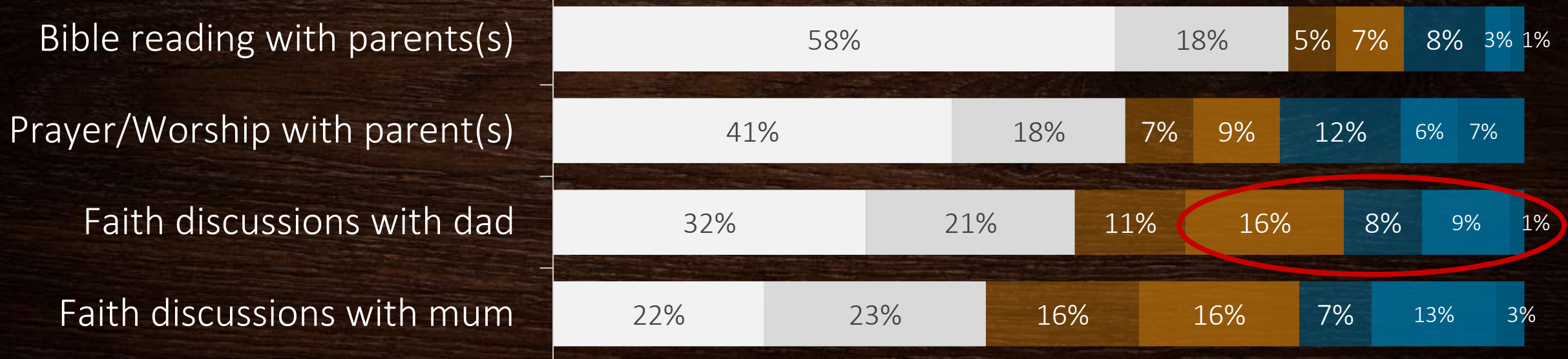
How much impact do your parents have on your **spiritual development**?



Family Faith Practices

Never
 Less than once a month
 Once a month
 2-3 times a month
 Once a week
 Few times a week
 Daily or almost daily

YOUTHS WITH CHRISTIAN PARENT(S)



EVERY MUM

Motherhood is the
GREATEST THING
— and the —
HARDEST THING.

— Ricki Lake

Your Significance > Your Role

1. Motherhood is a calling of stewardship, for however long (or short) it lasts.



Your Significance > Your Role

1 Samuel 1:24-28

After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. ²⁵ When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, ²⁶ and she said to him, "Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. ²⁷ I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. ²⁸ **So now I give him to the LORD.** For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD." And he worshipped the LORD there.

Motherhood



THE ONLY PLACE YOU CAN
EXPERIENCE HEAVEN AND HELL
AT THE SAME TIME.

Your Significance >
Your Role

2. Your children are not your prized possessions, though it feels like it.

(Genesis 16:3-4; Genesis 29-30)

Your Significance > Your Role

Titus 3:3-5

Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. ⁴ **Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children,** ⁵ to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

"Being a mother is learning about **strengths** you didn't know you had...and dealing with **fears** you didn't know existed!"

- Linda Wooten

Your Significance > Your Role

3. God sees and knows all that you've *done*, but more importantly, who you've *become*.

Your Significance > Your Role

Ephesians 2:10 NKJV

For we are His *workmanship*, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

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Romans 8:28 NIV

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

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