



USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE DURING YOUR STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

Message Recap:

In a society saturated with screens and stories, it's easy to overlook the profound spiritual truths nestled within our favorite films and media. Yet, just as Jesus used parables to illuminate Kingdom principles, we, too, can uncover God's eternal truths within the narratives of today. This week, as we talk about the movie Warrior, we will explore the themes of forgiveness and relationships and the complexities that exist within relationships.

» Main Points

- The road to wholeness must pass through forgiveness.
- Forgiveness flows from being forgiven first.
- Apologies activate forgiveness.

» Getting Started

- Describe your own "Prodigal" moment, either as the father, younger, or older brother.

» Observation

- Read and reflect on [Luke 15:11-32](#), [Matthew 5:23-24](#)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

reachout

- Take some time this week to figure out how to get to know your neighbors. Maybe it's a simple note with a plate of cookies introducing (or reintroducing) yourself. Maybe it's planning a BBQ for this summer or finding another way to gather your neighbors together.

growdeep

- Reread Luke 15:11-32. Right now, which brother do you identify with more?
- Who are you withholding forgiveness for? What would it take for you to be able to take a step toward forgiveness?
- Who do you need to apologize to? What is preventing you from offering an apology?

partner with families

- In this week's message, we discussed the story of the Prodigal Son from Luke 15. Tom reminded us that to be whole, we need to forgive. He said, "Freedom flows from being forgiven first." We can forgive because God loved us and sent His son for the forgiveness of our sins. Do you have someone in your family you need to extend forgiveness to? Maybe that would be really difficult. If so you can start this week by praying that God will help you to begin forgiving them. It may come a little easier for your kids this week to remind them we can forgive others because we've been forgiven. Then, put it into practice in all those little fights and arguments that happen daily around your home!

» Next Steps and Prayer

- Is there a relationship in your life that feels hopeless because it seems like nothing will ever change? Make space this week to pray intentionally about this relationship.
- Close by praying and asking God to give you the strength to forgive and the courage to say, "I'm sorry."