

WEEK SIX: TWO LOST SONS

Hear the story. See the King. Answer the call.

Luke 15:11-32

1. Which son looks more like you right now: the younger son's rebellion or the older son's resentment? Where do you see it showing up?
2. Where are you tempted to want the Father's gifts more than you want the Father Himself?
3. When God shows grace to someone you don't think deserves it, what does your response reveal about how you understand His grace toward you?
4. Where are you still trying to repay God, earn His favor, or prove that you deserve what Jesus has already paid for? How would resting in grace change the way you respond to Him?

WEEKLY CALL

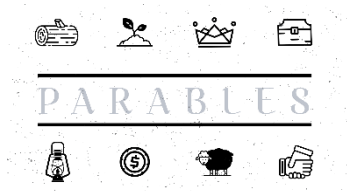
Name which kind of resistance is showing up in your heart, and bring it honestly to God. Rebellion or resentment? Maybe some of both.

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PRAYER GUIDE

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Luke 15:11-32

ARE YOU FAR FROM THE FATHER THROUGH REBELLION...

OR THROUGH RELIGIOUS PRIDE?

OPENING REFLECTION

This prayer guide helps you respond to the message "Two Lost Sons" by Joshua Kennon. Whether you identify with the younger son's rebellion or the older son's resentment, God's grace moves toward both. Use this guide to bring your honest heart before the Father.

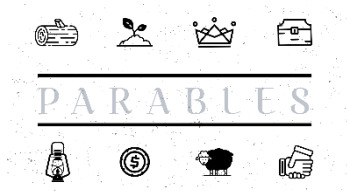
SECTION 1: ADORATION – PRAISING GOD'S CHARACTER

Scripture Meditation

- Luke 15:20-24 - The father's compassionate response
- Romans 5:8 - God's love for us while we were sinners
- Psalm 103:8-10 - God's mercy and grace

Guided Prayer Template

"Father, I praise You because You are a God who moves toward sinners. You don't wait for us to clean ourselves up or make ourselves worthy before You call us. You move toward us with compassion and grace. Like the father in Jesus' story, You welcome sinners who come home to You. Thank You for being generous, merciful, and faithful."



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SECTION 2: CONFESSION – ACKNOWLEDGING OUR RESISTANCE

Identify which kind of resistance shows up in your heart today - rebellion or resentment - and confess it honestly.

Scripture Meditation For Rebellion

- Luke 15:12-16 - The younger son's rebellion and its consequences
- Romans 6:23 - The wages of sin
- 1 John 1:8-9 - Confession brings forgiveness

Scripture Meditation For Resentment

- Luke 15:28-30 - The older brother's anger and self-righteousness
- Matthew 20:1-16 - The parable of workers in the vineyard
- Proverbs 14:30 - Peace versus envy

Guided Prayer Template For Rebellion

"Father, I confess that I have run from You. I wanted Your gifts without You. I chased after freedom, pleasure, and control, believing that would satisfy me. I see now that my rebellion has cost me and those around me. I acknowledge that this is sin against You. I turn from it now and ask for Your forgiveness through Christ."

Guided Prayer Template For Resentment

"Father, I confess that I have kept score with You. I have obeyed outwardly while harboring bitterness that You haven't given me what I think I deserve. I have compared myself to others and wondered why grace reaches them when I believe I have been more faithful. I see now that this pride is sin. I repent of believing my obedience puts You in my debt. Forgive me."



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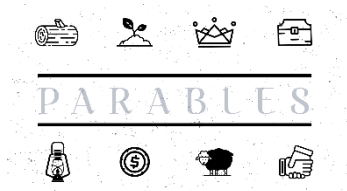
SECTION 3: THANKSGIVING – RECOGNIZING GOD'S PROVISION

Scripture Meditation

- Luke 15:22-24 - The father's generous welcome
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 - Christ bore our sin so we might be made righteous in Him
- Ephesians 1:3-8 - Redemption through Christ's blood
- Colossians 3:15-17 - Peace and gratitude

Guided Prayer Template

"Thank You, Father, that Jesus is the faithful Son I could never be. Thank You that He came into this broken world for both kinds of sinners - those whose rebellion is visible and those who hide behind religious pride. Thank You that Jesus bore my guilt, took my punishment, and paid a debt I could never pay. Thank You for His resurrection and the new life offered through Him. Thank You that grace is free to me, though it cost Him everything."



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SECTION 4: SUPPLICATION – MAKING OUR REQUESTS KNOWN

Scripture Meditation

- Philippians 4:6-7 - Bringing requests to God with thanksgiving
- James 4:7-10 - Drawing near to God
- Proverbs 28:13 - The benefit of confession and forsaking sin

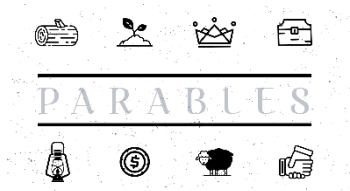
Guided Prayer Template

"Father, I ask that You would help me stop running from You - whether through rebellion or resentment. Give me the courage to name my resistance honestly and bring it into the light. Help me understand that I cannot earn my place at Your table and that I don't need to. Show me the depths of Christ's sacrifice so that I never forget He paid it all. Grant me grace to receive what I don't deserve and to extend that same grace to others. Give me a heart that looks more like Your heart - one that rejoices when sinners repent. In Jesus' name, Amen."

SECTION 5: ACTION

Reflect and Respond to the Following Questions

1. Which son's story resonates more with you right now - the younger son's rebellion or the older son's resentment? Why?
2. What specific area of your life shows resistance to God - whether through running away or keeping score?
3. What would it look like for you to "come home" or "come inside" today?
4. How does knowing that Jesus paid the full cost of your sin change the way you see God's grace?
5. Who in your life needs to hear that grace is free and that Jesus paid it all?



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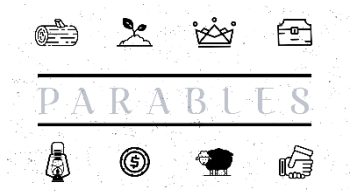
CLOSING PRAYER

"Father, thank You for meeting us in this moment. Whether we came to You as the younger son or the older son, help us see that both need the same Savior. Give us grace to repent of our resistance - whether it looks like rebellion or resentment. Help us believe that Jesus paid it all and that we are invited to the Father's table through His sacrifice alone. Work in our hearts this week. In Jesus' name, Amen."

JOURNALING PROMPTS

Spend 2-3 minutes reflecting on these questions in a journal:

1. "The part of this message that most convicted me was..."
2. "I realize I have been running from God by..."
3. "I have been keeping score with God about..."
4. "If I truly believed Jesus paid it all, I would..."
5. "The grace God is offering me through Christ looks like..."
6. "This week, I will respond to God's call by..."



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THIS WEEK'S "CALL"

Name which kind of resistance is showing up in your heart and bring it honestly to God. Rebellion or resentment? Maybe some of both.

If you are the younger son: Stop running. You don't have to clean up the far country before you come home. This week, turn from one specific area of rebellion and trust Christ with it.

If you are the older son: Stop keeping score. Repent of the pride that thinks your goodness puts God in your debt. This week, identify one area where you have been comparing yourself to others and release it to God.

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