



Part 1: The Rebel

In this message, we take a look at one of Jesus' most famous parables, often referred to as The Prodigal Son. In it we find a beautiful picture of the heart that God has for all of us who have chosen to go our own way.

Discussion Questions

1. On Sunday we talked about the prodigal son. What about his story did you find relatable for yourself or people close to you?
2. Read Luke 15:11-24. The younger son wanted freedom, autonomy, and identity apart from the father, but it ultimately left him empty and enslaved. Where do people today still look for fulfillment or identity apart from God? Have you ever experienced something that promised freedom but left you feeling more lost?
3. The sermon described sin not just as bad behaviour, but as alienation from the Father. Why do you think people often resist relationship with God while still wanting the benefits of what he gives?
4. The younger son rehearses a speech about becoming a servant and earning his way back. Why do you think we naturally drift toward transactional thinking with God ("I need to prove myself")? In what ways do people still try to earn grace instead of receive it?
5. What impacts you most about the father running to meet his son? Why would that image have been so shocking in Jesus' culture?
6. The father restores the son completely — robe, ring, sandals, feast. Which picture of restoration speaks to you the most, and why?
7. Why do you think many Christians struggle to share their faith when Christianity is presented mainly as moralism, politics, or rule-keeping instead of relationship with the loving Father?
8. The sermon emphasized that "the message and the method are the same" — love moves at the speed of relationship. Why is genuine love and presence often more powerful than pressure, arguments, or trying to "fix" people?

Moving Forward

Who are the four people you are "for"? What is one intentional way you can show up for one of them this week — through encouragement, serving, listening, praying, mourning or celebrating with them?

Take time as a group to pray for the people you are "for," asking God to help you reflect the compassionate, welcoming heart of the Father.