

NOT JUST SUNDAYS

Luke 15:11-32

Gospel Living Everyday

IF SOMEONE ASKED YOU...
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHRISTIAN?
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

WHAT DOES IT ACTUALLY LOOK LIKE IN YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE?

WHEN YOU WAKE UP TOMORROW...
HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN?



TWO WAYS

A STORY OF THE TWO SONS

11 AND HE SAID, “THERE WAS A MAN WHO HAD TWO SONS. 12 AND THE YOUNGER OF THEM SAID TO HIS FATHER, ‘FATHER, GIVE ME THE SHARE OF PROPERTY THAT IS COMING TO ME.’ AND HE DIVIDED HIS PROPERTY BETWEEN THEM. 13 NOT MANY DAYS LATER, THE YOUNGER SON GATHERED ALL HE HAD AND TOOK A JOURNEY INTO A FAR COUNTRY, AND THERE HE SQUANDERED HIS PROPERTY IN RECKLESS LIVING.

LUKE 15:11-32 (ESV)

14 AND WHEN HE HAD SPENT EVERYTHING, A SEVERE FAMINE AROSE IN THAT COUNTRY, AND HE BEGAN TO BE IN NEED. 15 SO HE WENT AND HIRED HIMSELF OUT TO ONE OF THE CITIZENS OF THAT COUNTRY, WHO SENT HIM INTO HIS FIELDS TO FEED PIGS. 16 AND HE WAS LONGING TO BE FED WITH THE PODS THAT THE PIGS ATE, AND NO ONE GAVE HIM ANYTHING.

LUKE 15:11-32 (ESV)

17 “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How
many of my father's hired servants have more
than enough bread, but I perish here with
hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I
will say to him, “Father, I have sinned
against heaven and before you. 19 I am no longer
worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of
your hired servants.”

Luke 15:11-32 (ESV)

20 AND HE AROSE AND CAME TO HIS FATHER. BUT WHILE HE WAS STILL A LONG WAY OFF, HIS FATHER SAW HIM AND FELT COMPASSION, AND RAN AND EMBRACED HIM AND KISSED HIM. 21 AND THE SON SAID TO HIM, 'FATHER, I HAVE SINNED AGAINST HEAVEN AND BEFORE YOU. I AM NO LONGER WORTHY TO BE CALLED YOUR SON.'

LUKE 15:11-32 (ESV)

22 BUT THE FATHER SAID TO HIS SERVANTS, ‘BRING QUICKLY THE BEST ROBE, AND PUT IT ON HIM, AND PUT A RING ON HIS HAND, AND SHOES ON HIS FEET. 23 AND BRING THE FATTENED CALF AND KILL IT, AND LET US EAT AND CELEBRATE. 24 FOR THIS MY SON WAS DEAD, AND IS ALIVE AGAIN; HE WAS LOST, AND IS FOUND.’ AND THEY BEGAN TO CELEBRATE.

LUKE 15:11-32 (ESV)

25 “Now his older son was in the field, and as he
came and drew near to the house, he heard music
and dancing. 26 And he called one of the servants
and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said
to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father
has killed the fattened calf, because he has
received him back safe and sound.’

Luke 15:11-32 (ESV)

28 But he was angry and refused to go in. His father
came out and entreated him, 29 but he answered his
father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you,
and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never
gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with
my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came, who
has devoured your property with prostitutes, you
killed the fattened calf for him!’

Luke 15:11-32 (ESV)

31 AND HE SAID TO HIM, ‘SON, YOU ARE ALWAYS WITH ME, AND ALL THAT IS MINE IS YOURS. 32 IT WAS FITTING TO CELEBRATE AND BE GLAD, FOR THIS YOUR BROTHER WAS DEAD, AND IS ALIVE; HE WAS LOST, AND IS FOUND.’”

LUKE 15:11-32 (ESV)

WHO IS ACCEPTABLE IN OUR CULTURE
WHO IS DESPISED IN OUR CULTURE

Younger Son

- Dishonours his father
- Self-indulgent
- Bankrupt

Older Son

- Obedient son
- Works hard for family business
- Serves his father

ARE THEY REALLY THAT DIFFERENT?

Younger Son

Father, give me what is mine.’
‘I want your stuff, not you.

Older Son

I’ve served you all these years…
why don’t I get what I deserve?

BOTH SONS WANT THE FATHER'S THINGS BUT NOT THE FATHER HIMSELF

One ran away. One stayed.

Both were lost.

Two different lives. Same problem.

Self-salvation.

AT THE END OF THE STORY, WHO IS STILL LOST

WHO IS MORE BITTER

WHO IS MORE ANGRY

WHO IS MORE DECEIVED

You could be doing the right things for the wrong reasons and still think you are fine

THE GOSPEL STORY IN THE PRODIGAL SON PARABLE

15 NOW THE TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS
WERE ALL DRAWING NEAR TO HEAR
HIM.[2] AND THE PHARISEES AND THE
SCRIBES GRUMBLED, SAYING, “THIS MAN
RECEIVES SINNERS AND EATS WITH THEM.”

LUKE 15:11-13 (ESV)

A story of the Father

The Father Runs

The Father Embraces

The Father Restores

THERE IS ANOTHER WAY TO LIVE

The Gospel Way

THE GOSPEL
HUMBLES YOU COMPLETELY
AND LIFTS YOU UP COMPLETELY
AT THE SAME TIME.

THE GOSPEL IS NOT JUST THE DOOR
IT IS THE PATH WE WALK EVERY DAY

16 FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL,
FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION
TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES...

ROMANS 1:16 (ESV)

The Gospel

- Takes the burden off
- Frees you from condemnation
- Provides motivation

The Law

- Puts the burden on
- Condemns you
- God's standard

HOW TO DEAL WITH BODY IMAGE ISSUE
WITHOUT THE GOSPEL

You must be attractive, fit, and desirable

You begin to work hard for it

You are only worthy if you measure up



YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN; YOU WERE BOUGHT AT A PRICE.

1 COR 6:19A (ESV)

HOW TO DEAL WITH BODY IMAGE ISSUE
WITH THE GOSPEL

You are already fully accepted in Christ

You are not defined by appearance

You can steward your body and not worship it

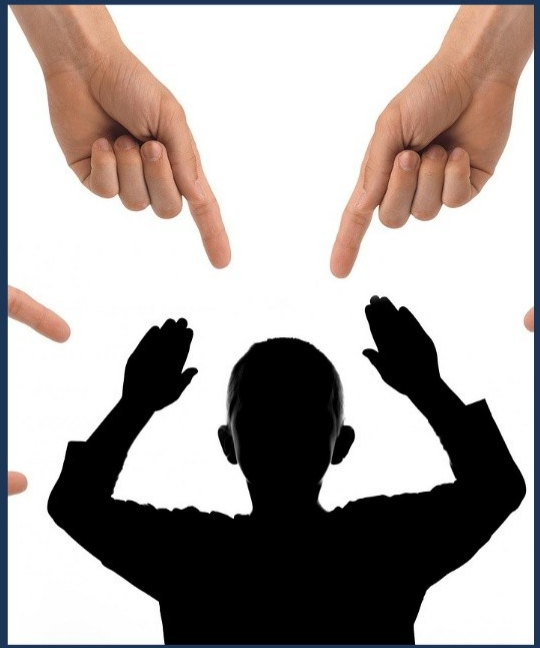


HOW TO DEAL WITH CRITICISM
WITHOUT THE GOSPEL

You must prove them wrong

Your worth depends on others' opinions

Defensive or insecure

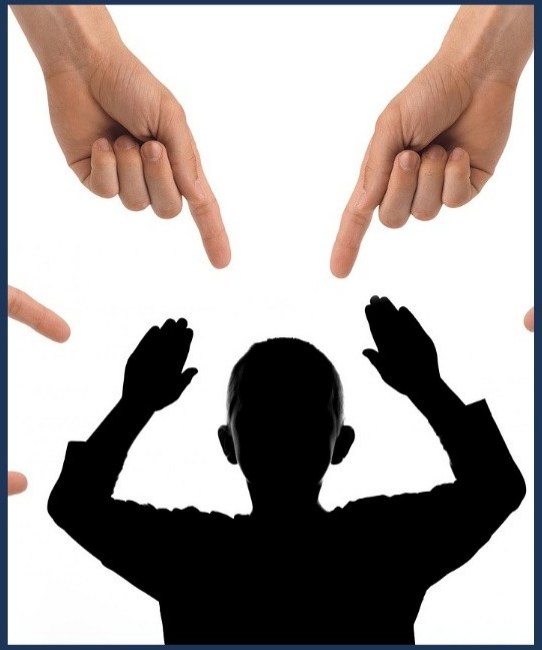


HOW TO DEAL WITH CRITICISM
WITH THE GOSPEL

Your identity is secure in Christ

You are not defined by praise or criticism

You can grow without fear

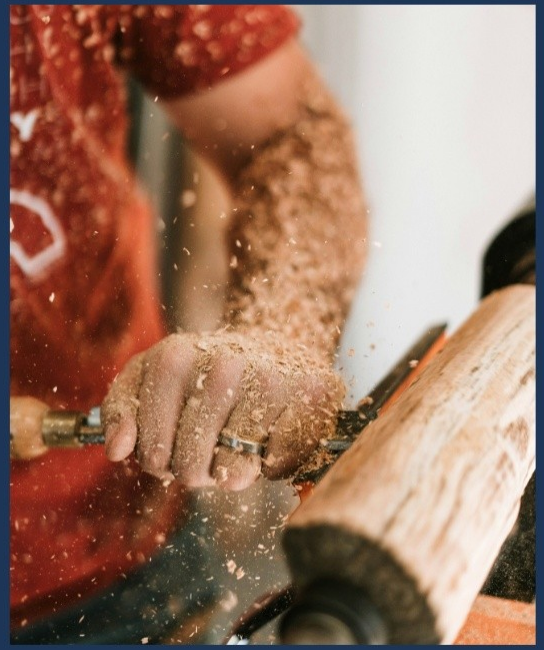


WORK
WITHOUT THE GOSPEL

Your value = your success

Achieve more, be more

If I fail at work, I fail as a person

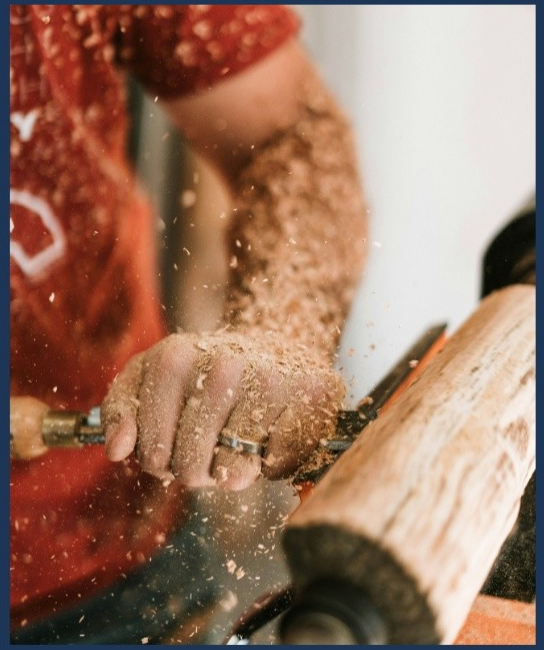


WORK
WITH THE GOSPEL

You are not your job

You don’t need work to prove your worth

I am serving God in my workplace



PARENTING
WITHOUT THE GOSPEL

Your children reflect your worth

Comparison with others

You parent from anxiety or guilt



PARENTING
WITH THE GOSPEL

Christ died so that you may live

You don’t need perfect children

You can parent with grace, not fear

You can lead, not control



WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS
ON WHICH THE PRINCE OF GLORY DIED,
MY RICHEST GAIN I COUNT BUT LOSS,
AND POUR CONTEMPT ON ALL MY PRIDE.

SEE, FROM HIS HEAD, HIS HANDS, HIS FEET,
SORROW AND LOVE FLOW MINGLED DOWN.
DID E'ER SUCH LOVE AND SORROW MEET,
OR THORNS COMPOSE SO RICH A CROWN?

When I survey the Wondrous Cross, Isaac Watts, 1707

WERE THE WHOLE REALM OF NATURE MINE,
THAT WERE A PRESENT FAR TOO SMALL.
LOVE SO AMAZING, SO DIVINE,
DEMANDS MY SOUL, MY LIFE, MY ALL.

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