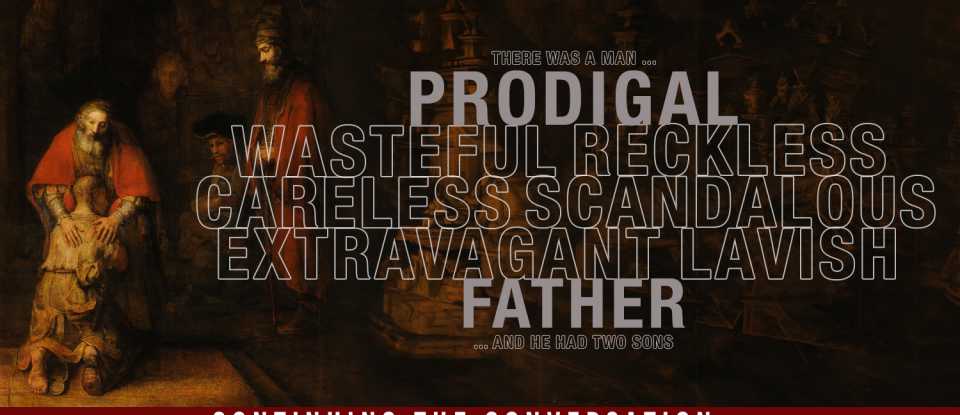


CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION ...

WEEK 2: TWO LOST BUT NEVER TOO LOST

When we focus on the younger son in The Prodigal *Son* we see a young man who alienates himself from his father. In our minds the story is about the assurance of Jesus' unconditional love to those who wander. While that is true - the father has to invite *both* sons into his banquet because *both* have alienated themselves from the father - one by being very bad and the other by being very good.

THINK ABOUT THESE ...

1. When in your life have you identified with the younger son? When have you identified with the older son? Why?

2. **Read Luke 15:11-32:** highlight the times you see the Father's grace in the story.

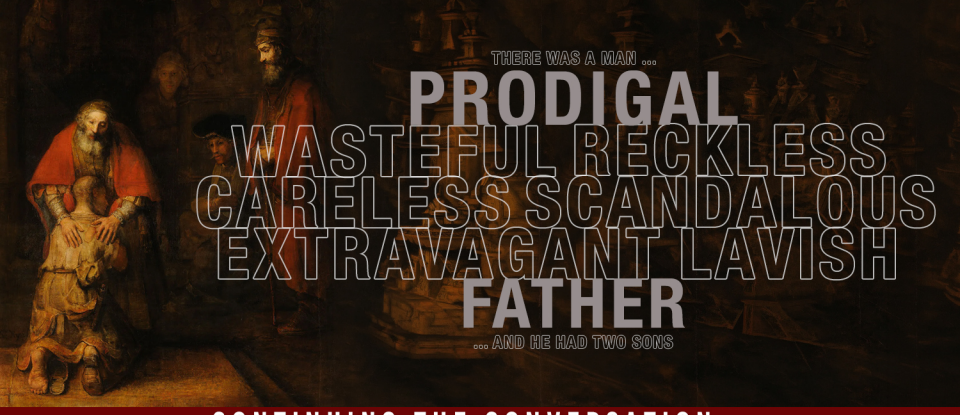
3. The younger brother believes he is no longer *worthy* to be called his father's son. What does that tell us about his view of what it takes to be worthy and accepted?

4. Where does the older brother pursue worth and happiness? Where or how do you tend to pursue your worth and value?

5. Do you ever feel as though your sins are too bad for God to pardon and forgive? Can you think of ways in which you try to atone *(make up)* for your sins?

6. If God's grace is absolutely free and we cannot earn it - what motivation is there to live a life following Jesus?

7. In **Luke 15:20, 22** - How does Jesus describe the father as he receives his younger son back?
How did God *loose* His dignity to receive humanity back?
What do the following passages teach about this:
Hebrews 12:2, Psalm 22:6, 7, Psalm 69:19, Isaiah 53:3



CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION ...

THINKING REVOLUTIONARY ...

There are two ways to be your own saviour and Lord:
one is by breaking all the moral laws - being very bad,
and the other is by keeping all the moral laws - being very good.
How does the Good News - the message of the gospel
differ from both of these approaches?

How might that change the way you view yourself?
How might it change how you view a relationship with God
today?

READ AND THINK ABOUT THESE WORDS (MEMORIZE THEM IF YOU CAN!):
*"'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me,
and everything I have is yours.'"*

Luke 15 verse 31