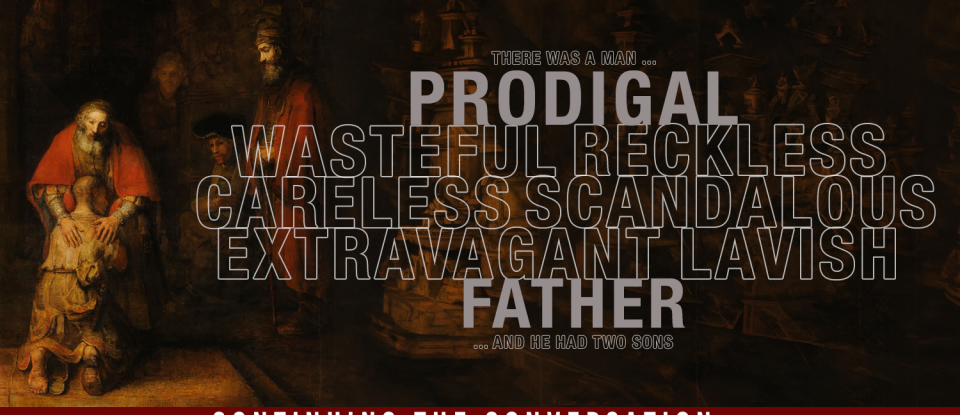


CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION ...

WEEK 3: THE MOST DANGEROUS LOSTNESS

The elder brother views reward/salvation as something they can and must "earn" which comes from a heart that lacks assurance of God's love and leads to insecurity, guilt, and a transactional relationship with the father.

The father invites the older brother to enjoy their relationship by coming into the feast which requires a repentance that rejects the self-righteousness that lies behind his obedience.

THINK ABOUT THESE ...

1. What most often makes you angry in life?

2. How would you define "elder-brother or religious lostness"? What are the most common characteristics you've seen in yourself?

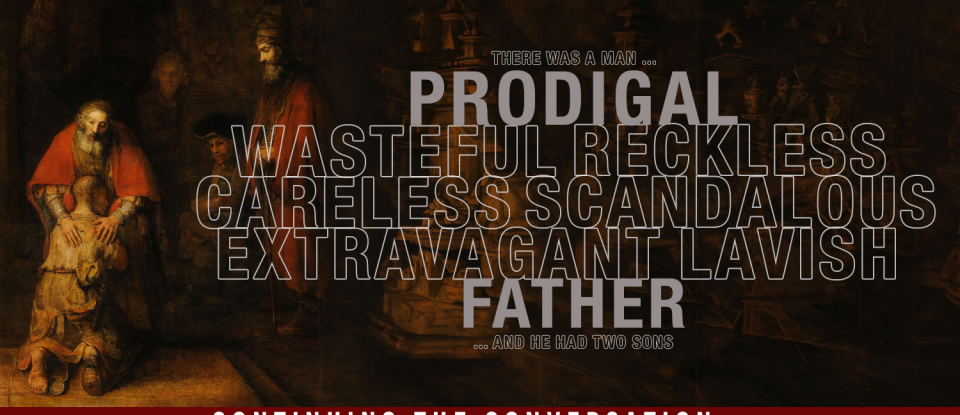
3. Do you think that elder brother lostness is a more spiritually desperate condition than younger brother lostness? Why or why not?

4. What are the differences between duty and delight? Are you aware of times when your obedience is an attempt to get something for yourself? When is that most likely to happen?

4. What do younger brothers types and older brother types base their identity on?

5. Read **John 15:11**. How do Jesus' words help to deconstruct elder-brother-ish pursuit of obeying Christ?

6. The attitude of the elder brother most likely made it harder for the younger brother to come home. How can you prevent this from happening in your own life and in our church?



CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION ...

THINKING REVOLUTIONARY ...

The opposite of being lost isn't religion,
the opposite of being lost is being found.

READ AND THINK ABOUT THESE WORDS (MEMORIZE THEM IF YOU CAN!):

"For the grace of God has appeared
that offers salvation to all people.
It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness..."

Titus 2 verses 11, 12