

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED...

Luke 15:11-32

GRACE is the only hope for sinners.

Finding your pathway home...

1. Requires **TRUE REPENTANCE**

(Lk 15:11-20a)

- a. TRUE REPENTANCE acknowledges BROKENNESS.
- b. TRUE REPENTANCE acknowledges God's KINDNESS.
- c. The key marker for genuine repentance is CHANGE.

2. Is **ONLY** possible by God's **GRACE**

(Lk 15:20b-31)

3. Leads to everlasting **JOY**

(Lk 15:32)



FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. The Far Country - The younger son demanded his inheritance and left home. What are some “far countries” people run to today? How have you seen “freedom” without God lead to emptiness?

2. Coming to Our Senses - Luke 15:17 says, “He came to himself.” What does that moment of awakening look like in real life? Have you ever experienced a time when God opened your eyes to see your need for Him?

3. True Repentance - Repentance is more than regret — it’s turning around. What’s the difference between being sorry and truly repenting? How can we cultivate a lifestyle of ongoing repentance as believers?

4. The Father’s Grace - Before the son could even speak, the father ran to him. What does this teach us about God’s heart toward sinners — and toward you personally? Why do you think grace often feels “too good to be true”? Share your encounter with God’s grace.

5. The Older Brother’s Pride - The older brother stayed home but still missed the father’s heart. In what ways can religious pride or self-righteousness keep us from joy? How might we see traces of the older brother in our own lives or church culture?

6. Restored, Not Rehabilitated - The father gave the son a robe, ring, sandals, and feast — full restoration. What does it mean that God doesn’t just forgive us but restores us? How can understanding this help you walk in your identity as a child of God?

7. Heaven’s Joy - Jesus says heaven rejoices when one sinner repents. How can our lives and our church better reflect heaven’s joy over repentance and restoration? What role does evangelism play? Take time to pray together for the “prodigals” in each other’s lives.

8. Two Lost Sons, One Loving Father - Both sons were far from the father — one in rebellion, one in religion. Which “son” do you most relate to right now, and why? What would it look like for you to come home — or stay close — to the Father this week?

9. The Road Less Traveled - Repentance and grace make “all the difference.” What next step is God calling you to take on your road home? How can the group support and pray for each other in that journey?

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