



# DESIRE WISDOM

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## PART 6 • THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SONS • LUKE 15:11-32

Jesus tells a story about two sons and their father to a great crowd that is following him. The crowd is a mixed bag of every day sinners and the very religious. At first the focus seems to be on the younger son who behaves badly, but then, as always with Jesus, the story takes a turn.

### MESSAGE RESPONSE

- 1) What stood out for you from Sunday's message?
- 2) Was there anything you did not understand? What questions were raised for you?
- 3) How did the Holy Spirit speak to you?

### GOING DEEPER

- 1) Describe a time when you felt God nudging you to do something you normally wouldn't do. Did the experience end up being the right path for you? Explain.
- 2) Read Luke 15:11-32. Who does each of the sons represent? With which son can you most identify? Why? Which son do you sympathize with most? Why?
- 3) In what specific ways is the God of the Bible like the father in this story? What characteristics of the Good Father that God is do you appreciate most?
- 4) Describe the process the wayward son had to go through before he could be restored to his family. What principles does this parable illustrate that would be beneficial to remember?
- 5) Think about the path you are on right now. In what ways are you headed straight toward God the Father? In what ways are you following your own path?
- 6) Read Proverbs 3:5-8—What are some specific things you can do to apply verses 5-6 to your life? What three things do you need to do in order to stay on the right path (verse 7)? Give an example of how fearing the Lord and shunning evil bring us health.
- 7) Read Proverbs 4:3-6,10-27— Compare the paths of the wicked and the righteous. What are some signs that indicate you are on the right or wrong path? According to verses 14-17, how do we put ourselves “on the path of the wicked?” Aside from activities that put us on the wrong path, what information do we take in that contaminates the heart or leads us to a place we shouldn't be (vs. 23)?

### *Key Scripture references from this week's message*

Luke 15: 1-2, 11-32