



Theme: "If I Mess Up, God Will Reject Me?"

Text: Luke 15:11-32

Study Questions

For Personal Reflection:

1. **Have you ever wanted independence from authority, only to realize later that you needed guidance?** How did that experience shape you?
2. **What does this story teach us about the consequences of impulsive decisions?** How can we apply that lesson in our daily lives?
3. **Have you ever felt like the prodigal son—distant from God or others?** What brought you back?
4. **Do you think the son was truly sorry, or was he just desperate?** How can we tell the difference between true repentance and regret?

For Relationship with God:

5. What does this parable tell us about God's character? How does it challenge the way we view God?
6. Why do you think the father welcomed the son so eagerly, even though he wasted everything? What does this say about God's grace?
7. What does it mean to 'come to your senses' like the prodigal son did (Luke 15:17)? What are some signs that you might need to return to God?

For Social and Peer Interactions:

8. **Do you ever feel like the older brother, upset when someone who messed up gets forgiven easily?** How does this reveal our own struggles with grace and fairness?
9. **How do we respond when a friend or family member makes mistakes?** Are we more like the father or the older brother in how we treat them?
10. **If someone hurt you deeply and then apologized, how hard would it be for you to forgive them?** What does this parable teach us about that?

For Life Choices:

11. **What are some modern-day examples of a "prodigal son" lifestyle?** Where do you see this in social media, school, or culture?
12. **What might be a "distant country" in your own life—things that draw you away from God?** How can you recognize when you're drifting?
13. **Why do people often have to hit rock bottom before they turn back to God?** How can we avoid reaching that point?
14. **What are some ways we can remind ourselves of God's love, even when we feel unworthy?**

Bonus Questions!!

- *Why do you think the father ran to meet the son instead of waiting for him?*
- *How can we apply the lesson of the older brother to our own friendships?*
- *What are some modern distractions that act as a 'distant country' in our lives?*
- *Do you think the prodigal son truly changed, or was he just desperate?*