

# THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SONS

Luke 15:11–32

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## What's True in the Bible?

### Lessons From a Father and His Wayward Sons

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 15:1–2, 11–24 / Matthew 11:28–30 / 1 John 5:3 / Colossians 3:21  
Ephesians 6:4 / Galatians 6:7–8 / 1 Samuel 3:13 / James 4:6–10

2. \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 15:1–2, 25–32 / 1 John 4:20–21

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 15:1–2, 31–32 / Romans 8:29 / Revelation 1:5 / Colossians 1:15–21

## What's Real in my life?

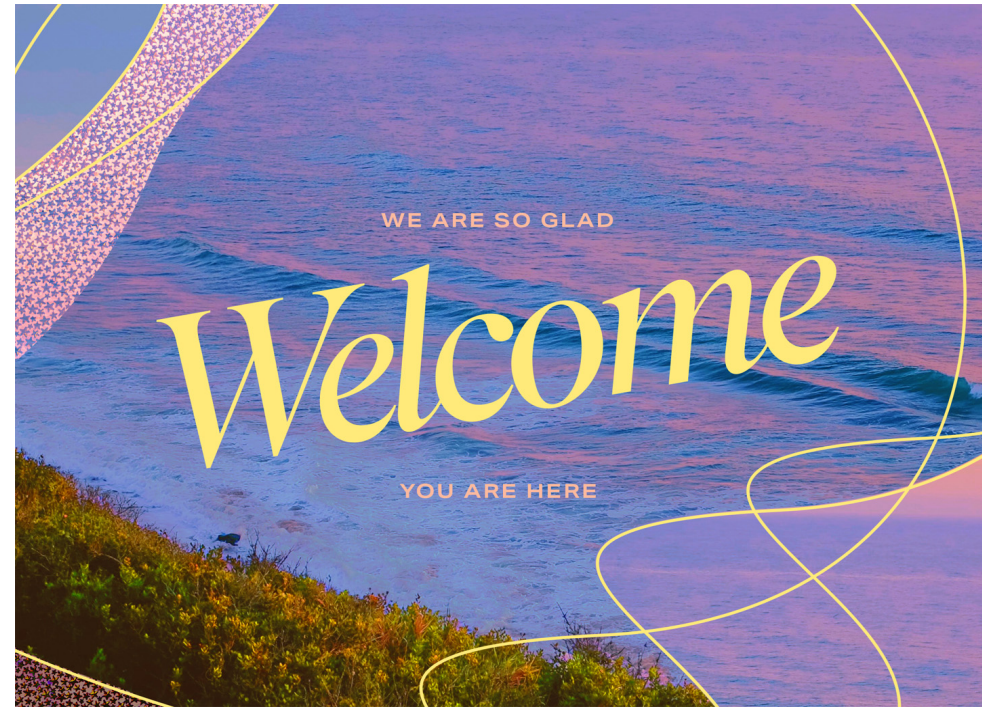
- Which of the characters in the parable do I identify with—and why?
- Would I have responded differently than the father in the story? How so?
- How does Jesus' life, death, burial, and resurrection inform the abrupt ending of the parable?

## What's Next?

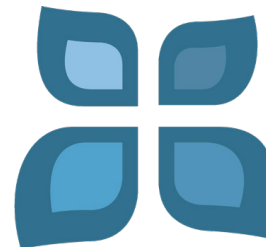
- Use the truth in the passage to write out what you need to do next as a prayer and commitment.

# Grace Community

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*Love God, Love people, and Lead others to do the same.*



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## Welcome to Grace

**Hello!** We are so glad you're joining us this morning! We have a strong desire to know and experience God's love. It is His love for us which, in turn, inspires us to love God, love people, and lead others to do the same.

If you're a guest with us, we would love to hear from you! Go to [gccnewton.com](http://gccnewton.com) and click the blue button that says **Connect With Us** and tell us how we can serve you or pray for you. We would love to have you join us every Sunday at 9:00am or 10:45am!

If you have any questions or want more information about who we are and what we do, please take some time to browse our website at [gccnewton.com](http://gccnewton.com) or visit the connection desk in the foyer.

## Connect With Us

Do you have questions about events taking place here at Grace? Are you looking for a ministry to get plugged into? Perhaps you are looking for details on being baptized or becoming a member? Maybe you are wanting to meet our team?

**Next Step:** Check out our website at [gccnewton.com](http://gccnewton.com).

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### ELDERS

## Next Steps with Grace

Are you looking to get plugged in and use the gifts God has given you to serve? At Grace we believe we are called to be the church. We have several ministries that serve not only on Sunday mornings and in our church walls, but also to the community and nations around us.

**Next Step:** Visit online at [gccnewton.com/serve](http://gccnewton.com/serve) for more information.

## Giving to the Lord

We believe that regular giving to the local church is an essential act of worship in response to God's generosity and provision for us. You can give at [gccnewton.com/give](http://gccnewton.com/give), in the Church Center app, or at one of the baskets by the exits of the Worship Center.

### Fiscal Year as of July 31

Income: \$664,223  
Budget: \$657,572  
Expense: \$590,927

### Attendance from August 27

512

## Growing with Grace

**September 12 | 11:30 - 12:30pm | Prayer Room**



You're invited to the once a month Women's Prayer Hour! We will pray for our church, community, and world (and of course the list of what/who we can pray about goes on and on!). This is open to any women that are interested, so feel free to tell your friends!

**Next Step:** It is come and go, so feel free to pop in as you are able. No RSVP required.

**September 19 | 6:30 pm | Fireside Room**



For women of all ages! We love stories of the conquering Christian, the victorious life, the "BUT GOD"—but what do we make of God when life crumbles? Join us as Hannah Tjaden shares about how God used suffering to draw her closer to Him.

**Next Step:** Sign up at [gccnewton.com/upcoming-events](http://gccnewton.com/upcoming-events). A light dinner will be served. \$5 suggested donation. Childcare will be available.

**September 6 | Wednesday Nights | 6:30 - 8:00pm**



Here at Grace, we enjoy evenings full of scripture memory, lessons, games and more! Awana is an international, Bible-centered children's ministry.

**Next step:** Sign up at [gccnewton.com/upcoming-events](http://gccnewton.com/upcoming-events) or scan the QR code on the right!



**This week! | Wednesdays and Sundays | 6:30 - 8pm**



Transform is our Youth Ministry program for 7th-12th graders. We want to help students connect through Games, the Gospel and Christian Community. We meet every Wednesday and Sunday night from 6:30-8pm starting this week!

**Next Step:** To sign up or get more info, check out [gccnewton.com/transform](http://gccnewton.com/transform).



## For More Information

There are many opportunities for you to get connected and involved here at Grace! For more details, take some time to browse [gccnewton.com](http://gccnewton.com). We especially recommend checking out the **Upcoming Events** page!