

Grace and Truth Part 5
Grace We Long for- Truth that Sets Us Free
Luke 15:11-32

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him."

Luke 15:20

Main Point: God is always willing to receive and extend grace to sinners.

"God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other."

Luke 18:13-14

Point One: The Gospel is grace for sinners.

From time to time, we may like the father, need to let a sinner go their own way.

"For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

-Jesus

Question: Are you willing to associate with "sinners" to get the Gospel where it is needed?

Point Two: God rejoices at sinners coming home.

“I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Luke 15:10

What does God rejoice at?

- Repentance (Luke 15:7; 10).
- His children being honest with their sin (Luke 15:22-24; 31-32).
- Humility (Micah 6:8).

There was a conscious choice the Prodigal made to come home.

Point Three: We should pursue sinners and welcome them with joy when they come back home.

God goes on active search for sinners to, *“...seek and to save the lost.”* (Luke 19:10)

Question: Have you prevented someone from coming back to the Lord because you are not willing to receive them with joy?

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Next week: Grace and Truth Part 6-Luke 23:39-43