

## “Dealing With A Prodigal”

“There is no one righteous, not even one.... There is no one who does good, not even one. - Romans 3:10,12 NIV

- God Understands Parental \_\_\_\_\_.

“The children I raised and cared for have rebelled against me. Even an ox knows its owner, and a donkey recognizes its master’s care—but Israel doesn’t know its master. My people don’t recognize my care for them.” - Isaiah 1:2-3 NLT

### THE PRODIGAL

“There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.” - Luke 15:11-13 NIV

- A. They Become Increasingly \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. They Think They Know \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. They Demand \_\_\_\_\_.

“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.” - Luke 15:13-16 NIV

“He finally came to his senses.” - Luke 15:17 NLT

### HOW DO WE RESPOND TO OUR PRODIGALS?

#### 1. Unwavering \_\_\_\_\_

We have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way.

- Colossians 1:9-10 NIV

- Pray they’ll meet the right \_\_\_\_\_.
- Pray they’ll get \_\_\_\_\_ when guilty.
- Pray God will do \_\_\_\_\_ it takes.

#### 2. Unending \_\_\_\_\_

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. - Galatians 6:9 NIV

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him.” - Luke 15:20 NIV

#### 3. Unconditional \_\_\_\_\_

“His father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’”

- Luke 15:20-21 NIV

“Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.” - Luke 15:23-24 NIV

“But the LORD still waits for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the LORD is a faithful God.”

- Isaiah 30:18 NIV

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Did you ever have a season of rebellion? How did God bring you back? (You may be living rebelliously now. You know what you need to do. What are you waiting for?)
- If you’ve have a child that was a prodigal, what was the most difficult part? What can you share with others who might be experiencing a prodigal situation now?
- God understand parental pain. Discuss how you can relate to that statement.
- Have you ever felt like giving up on a prodigal? Please share.

- Has prayer been your first response or your last resort? Discuss your prayer habits.
- What is God showing you about the prodigal?
- What one thing stood out to you in today's message?