



## Enter Empty - Broken Vessels

### Memory Verse

#### Psalm 51:16-17 MEV

**16** For You do not desire sacrifice, or I would give it;

You do not delight in burnt offering.

**17** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

a broken and a contrite heart,

O God, You will not despise.

### Read: Luke 15:11-32

What would you think if your own son did this to you? How would you respond?

Read and discuss this Quote from Ps. Jason Wilson

*“Consider this: Pursuing this life leads to being filled with things that will ultimately destroy us. The pleasures of this world, our modern culture, and even our worldly success can all seem like things that will fulfill and satisfy, but when we are filling up with them instead of God, we are actively chasing our pain.”*

*-Ps. Jason Wilson*

Prodigal emptiness is when we have pursued all that we think we want only to find that we aren't satisfied after all. Have you ever felt like that or known someone who has?

It's easy to condemn the Prodigal Son for his wasteful foolishness, but how often have our actions told God we would rather have His blessings than actually having relationship with Him?

**Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 NLT**

**13 That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty. 14 God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.**

After everything Solomon experienced this was his conclusion. With as much excess as he may have enjoyed, he faced equal losses and disappointment, How can we guard our hearts against the basic desire to pursue what we want above all else?

Sometimes God allows our breaking because it is the only way that we will make room for Him. Have you ever experience this?

***Proverbs 3:12 CSB***

***for the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
just as a father disciplines the son in whom he delights.***

How can we help each other embrace the loving discipline of the Lord?

What do we need to empty ourselves of?

Take time to pray over each other to close.