

## Sermon Notes

**Big Idea:** Many times when Jesus spoke He told stories. Stories of how to live, how to love, and how to honor God. Let's unpack these simple stories together to discover how to maximize our lives in God's Kingdom.

**Parable:** A simple story designed to illustrate how life in God's Kingdom works.

**Matthew 13:34-35 (ESV) Luke 15:1; 11-32 (ESV)**

**God's address never changes:** You'll always find Him at the end of yourself.

**Four Steps to Reckless Love:**

- RETURN

- REPENT

**Luke 5:32 (NLT)**

**Spiritual Maturity: Repenting quicker than you used to.**

- RE-EARN

**As a Child of God, you don't get what you deserve,  
you get what your Father decides and declares!**

- RECEIVE

**Acts 3:19-20 (NASB)**

- REFUSE to RESENT

## Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Read Luke 15:11-32. Which character (Father, Younger Son, Older Son) in this parable do you most relate with? Is there a time in your past that you related to a different one? Explain.
- 3) What are your thoughts on the declaration above about *God's address never changing*?
- 4) Do you agree that spiritual maturity has something to do with repentance? How so?
- 5) Have you ever felt like you need to earn love and acceptance from God? How did this affect your relationship with Him? Do you still feel like that? Explain.
- 6) Have you ever resented others who are experiencing the grace and/or mercy of God? Why do you think you feel like that at times?