

The Prodigal Son

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GUEST SPEAKER

**Leo Loughmiller • Grace That Runs to You - The Prodigal Son
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Big Idea: Grace isn't something you earn your way into — it's someone who runs to meet you.

1. We all have a speech prepared — and none of us need it.

“I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” (Luke 15:18-19, ESV)

Religion says, “Earn your way back.” Grace says, “You already have a place.”

2. The distance between you and God is not as far as you think.

“And he arose and came to his father. 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, ESV)

“The father’s love and acceptance is not based on the son’s moral performance but on the father’s own character.” - Timothy Keller

Your worst moment didn’t create distance God can’t cross.

3. You can be close to the house and still be far from home.

“Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!” (Luke 15:29-30, ESV)

Being around God isn’t the same as being with Him.

“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’” (Luke 15:31-32)

When someone comes back after being far away — do you experience celebration, or suspicion?

“How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.” (Hebrews 9:14-15)

It’s not about what you can bring to the door of the house — it’s about what He already brought to the cross.