



# GOSPEL STORIES:

JESUS & HIS PARABLES



# CALL TO WORSHIP

*“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, 3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, 5 who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”*

**-Isaiah 6:8**



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*11 And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. 13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. 14 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.*



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*16 And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. 17 “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ 20 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.*



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*21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. 25 "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.*



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*26 And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' 28 But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, 29 but he answered his father, '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.*



*30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ 31 And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”*

*-Luke 15:11-32*



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## THE REBELLIOUS SON VS.11-24

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Cultural Anomaly | Wanted Father's stuff & not the Father

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Could be anonymous in sin

Rebellion ALWAYS leads to ruin

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“The word 'prodigal' does not mean 'wayward' but, according to Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 'recklessly spendthrift.' It means to spend until you have nothing left.”



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Utterly Humiliating: wealthy Jewish man serving pagan Gentile

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Ceremonially unclean animals for a Jew

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Sin promises freedom yet delivers slavery

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Repentance is impossible apart from God's initiating work

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*many of my father's hired servants have more than*

*enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I*

Confession

*will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him,*

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*"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before*

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*Treat me as one of your hired servants.'"*

The prerequisite for receiving the grace of God is to recognize you need it



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Repentance always leads to restoration

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Undignified for an old man to do

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Greek tense implies “repeatedly”

*kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, ‘Father, I*

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DNA of “Poor in Spirit”

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- In this culture, Father could have disowned him (Mosaic Law) or had him beaten

“Tears of repentance are the wine of angels” -R. Kent Hughes



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Father restores his son's identity

*22 But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly*

Most likely Father's personal robe

Signet Ring w/ family seal

*the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on*

slaves were barefoot; sons wore shoes

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Typically only done at weddings

*fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and*

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*celebrate.*

The prodigal didn't earn his way back—he was received.



# THE RELIGIOUS SON VS.25-32

Representative of the Pharisees lost in self-righteousness

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Swelling up/boiling

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Identity was in position/performance

*his father, 'Look, these many years I have served*

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Wanted the limelight & applause

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Refused to even acknowledge him as a brother

*30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' 31 And he said to him, Didn't really care about the Father's presence. He wanted acknowledgment 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'”*

The self-righteous are experts at confession the sins of others while neglecting the wretchedness of their own soul



# THE RIGHTEOUS SON: JESUS CHRIST

Takes our rebellion & self-righteousness  
*“God made him who knew no sin to become sin so  
Clothes us in robe of His righteousness  
that in him we might become the righteousness of  
God.”*

*-2 Corinthians 5:21*

Jesus is the true Prodigal in a sense: He left home, became poor, associated with sinners, was rejected, and restored us at His expense. Brings us into the family of God through His blood poured out.

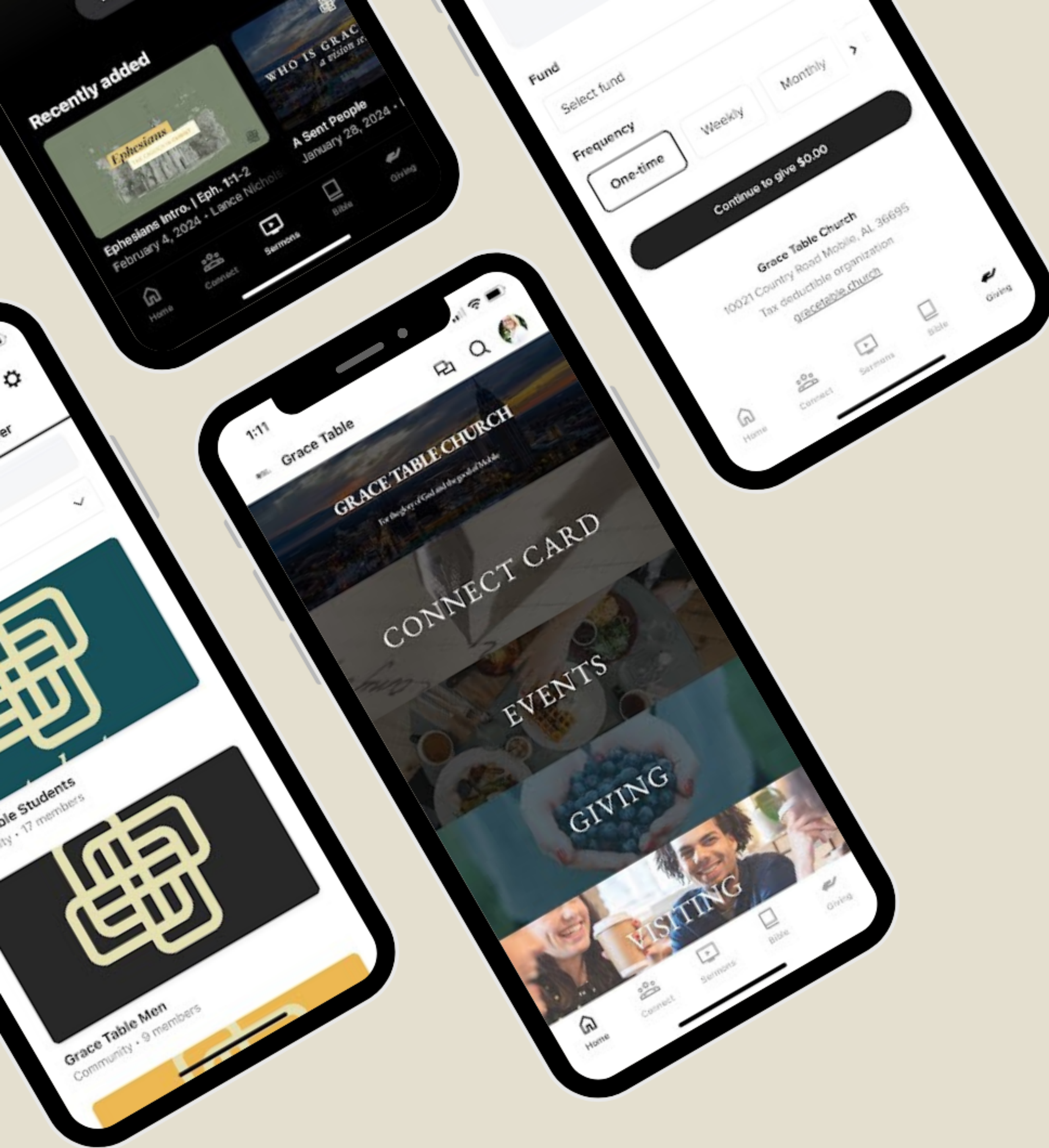




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The Kids Table



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# BENEDICTION

**Leader:**

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

*-2 Corinthians 13:14*

**People:**

*And also with you.*



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