



WEEK FOUR: **GRACE THROUGH THE EYES OF THE FATHER**

**LUKE 15**

Pastor Matt Chandler  
THE VILLAGE CHURCH

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

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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 2 one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 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.

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22 But the father said to his servants, 4 '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. 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,...

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**1. UNDERSTAND GOD'S GRACE**

The main reason we chose to show this teaching was Pastor Matt's great gift at showing the extent of God's grace. It doesn't make sense to us. It doesn't sound just. He calls it scandalous. This is a tough thing to wrap our mind around. It always has been for people. Not understanding what God means by grace leads to all kinds of legalism, division, and leverage plus anxiety, stress, sorrow. It's healthy to understand it because it will lead us to live in it as God designed and lead us to...

**2. APPRECIATE GOD'S GRACE**

One of the core values we identify and follow at Vision is to LIVE TO WORSHIP. Worshipping God means we express and demonstrate genuine thankfulness through, prayer, meditation, obedience, work, words, actions... we live to worship. We live in continual appreciation. Thankfulness never leaves us. Even on our worst days or in our most challenging seasons in life, we have God's grace. When we give Him our life, even with all of our flaws and sins, as we willingly stay in Him, we have assurance of salvation we can never earn. Be thankful always for His grace.

**3. IMITATE GOD'S GRACE**

Paul wrote that we should be imitators of Christ. Most of us understand this is something we will grow toward, but can never come close to doing completely. But by grasping teachings such as this, we move toward it. As God has forgiven us so much and loves us unconditionally, we should forgive and love others. MATTHEW 18:21-35 is a parable Jesus told to show how strongly He feels about those who receive His amazing grace but then do not extend it to others. Godly grace is not natural for most of us. We like to keep our own scorecards. Understand God's grace. Be thankful for God's grace and show God's grace to others.





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