<u> The Prodigal Son – Pt. 1</u>

Lesson 28

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Text: Luke 15:11-32 - Focusing on the SON(s)

- a. This story conjures up a Biblical theme that goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden. In Genesis 1 and 2, after God had finished his creation, there was something very important that was NOT yet needed. The same could be said with the Father/Son relationship at the beginning of this story. What was that and why wasn't it needed?
- b. What happened in both instances to bring about a need for grace?
- 2. What question is Jesus dealing with that leads Him to tell the story of the Prodigal son? Why is this important to remember?
- 3. At what point in this story was grace made available to the son? At what point in this story did the son recognize a need for grace? What lessons can we learn from your answers to these two questions?



- 4. There is great joy to be found in accepting the gift of grace. What did the son have to do in order to reap those blessings?
 - a. Does this mean he had to "work" for grace? Did he "earn" his father's grace? Explain.
- 5. What was the older brother's reaction to his father extending grace to his lost son and that gift of grace being accepted? What does this teach about the effect that grace can have on people?

