WINDSOR VILLAGE
CHURCH FAMILY

GRACE IN YOUR SPACE
PSALM 103:8-12; LUKE 15

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I. INTRODUCTION

Today's lesson is about grace: God's Riches After Christ's Expense or Getting Restored After Challenging Experiences. The lesson is based on The Prodigal Son Story. Next to The Resurrection Story and The Exodus Story, the Prodigal Son Story is one of the most fascinating passages. This passage is exceptionally fascinating because it is loaded with grace! The Prodigal Son is one of the most powerful examples of God' grace in the Scriptures.

The purpose of this lesson is threefold: 1) to help you understand the meaning of God's grace; 2) to recognize how grace operates; and 3) to learn how to receive and extend grace in everyday life.

II. GOD GIVES FREEDOM EVEN WHEN WE MISUSE IT 15:11-13

A. The Lord gives us freedom; but freedom does not eliminate consequences.

B. We want blessings without The Blessor.

C. What are some ways people pursue God's blessings while ignoring God?

D. How does grace remain available even when we misuse our freedom?

III. GRACE MEETS US IN OUR LOWEST MOMENTS 15:14-17

A. Our lowest moment does not have to become our destination. Sometimes a crisis awakens us to the truth.

B. Grace can begin working in us before we realize how far God is willing to go to restore us.

C. What does it mean to "come to yourself?"

D. What have you learned during a difficult season?

IV. GRACE WELCOMES THE REPENTANT **15:17-20**

A. Grace does not say sin does not matter. Grace says sin does not have the last word.

B. The son begins his journey home without knowing how or whether he would be received by his father.

C. By God's grace, you ALWAYS know whether and how you will be received by your Heavenly Father.

D. What is the difference between regret and repent? In the past, what has kept you from returning to The Lord?

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V. GRACE RUNS TOWARDS US **15:20-24**

A. The father's response is the heart of this story.

B. Why does the father run toward the son instead of walking?

C. What do the ring, sandals and robe teach you about restoration and grace?

D. What do these Scriptures say about us needing to make ourselves worthy before approaching God?

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VI. GRACE IS DIFFICULT TO CELEBRATE WHEN YOU ARE UNGRATEFUL **15:25-32**

A. Grace offends our sense of fairness when we think the recipient should suffer.

B. It is possible to obey outwardly while struggling inwardly.

C. Why was the older brother "p-o-ed?"

D. Have you ever struggled to celebrate the manifestation of grace in some else's life?

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VII. CONCLUSION

A. Based on the Scriptures, how do you think The Lord defines grace?

B. How do you define grace?

C. How have you experienced grace (in your own life)?

D. How has your experience with grace differed from how you think The Lord defines grace?

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