

# GOD WITH US



Key Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

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## THE FATHER'S LOVE

- 1) The Father's love is poured out on the undeserving.

Luke 5:32 ... *"I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."*

- 2) The Father's love is received by the repentant.

Luke 14:11 ... *"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

- a) God's salvation is sufficient to save everyone.
- b) God's salvation is efficient for those who come in humble repentance and faith.

Luke 9:23–24 ... *"And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."*

## Further Study

1. What does it look like for someone to act like they deserve God's grace more than other people in the world? Do I ever act in this way?
2. Am I living more like a child of God receiving an inheritance or a hired hand who has earned what God has given? In what ways is it difficult to live as a child of God?
3. Are there any areas of my life where I am trying to conform God to my desires rather than surrendering to Him?

## Scripture to Pray

Isaiah 53:4–6

*"Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."*

## From the Resources

"It is impossible for anyone, anywhere, anytime to *deserve* grace. Grace by definition is undeserved. As soon as we talk about deserving something, we are no longer talking about grace; we are talking about justice. Only justice can be deserved.

- R.C. Sproul  
*The Holiness of God*