

God Is Patient and Forgiving

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Luke 15:11-24

Psalm 33:12 What joy for the nation whose God is the Lord

- Every single person here and at all of our campuses and listening to my voice needs to truly know this.
- God is patient with you and I, and God forgives us!

Romans 8:1-2 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And 2 because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

- We will know what God is like when we **seek** and **receive** his forgiveness continually.

Luke 15:11-13 There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. 13 "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country.

Matthew 7:10-11 Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 11 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

James 1:14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Luke 15:14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

- God allows consequences as a result of our sins to guide us back to Him.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is **patient toward you**, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

Luke 15:15-16 So he went and hired **himself** out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

- Reliance on ourselves will always rob us of God's best for our lives.

Luke 15:17-18 When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is **faithful** and **just** and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Luke 15:19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.

- We will **know** what God is like when we view ourselves the way God views us

Colossians 3:13 Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Luke 15:20-24 So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 21 The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

- C.S. Lewis: "To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."

1 Corinthians 11:28 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

Matthew 26:26-29 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." 27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the [a] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

