

Luke 15:20-32

"I Don't Deserve This"

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Introduction: What drives you crazy? What frustrates Jesus? The idea that people are supposed to deserve the gospel. We have not really heard the Gospel until our own heart echoes, "I do not deserve this."

Key: We cannot be fountains of grace, until our hearts have been filled with the mercy of God toward us.

- I. Grace Means- God provides love and forgiveness to those who do not deserve it.

What happens to show that truth in the parable?

- A. Deep Insult (v11-13)
- B. Distant immorality (v13-15)
- C. Determined Love (v17-22)
  1. Love with a record (v17)
  2. Love with resolve (v20)
  3. Love that rejoices (v20-22)

What does such a love look like:

1. In families
2. In Communities
3. In our church

- II. Grace Means- God provides love and forgiveness to those who do think they do deserve it

What marks those who think they are too good for grace?

- A. The begrudge grace to the undeserving (v28,30)
- B. They believe grace is due to their deserving (v. 28-31)

Thus they do not see

  1. Deep insult of theirs (v29,31)
  2. Determined love of the Father (28,31)
  3. Denying themselves the party of Grace (v28)

Conclusion: Testimony