



## desert breeze community church

### Teaching Notes: Ray Davis October 4, 2009 relationships

#### “180”

Luke 15:11-20

It is known traditionally as “The Prodigal Son” story. It’s the story of the melt down of community and the restoration of it. The younger brother has not only rejected his family but also his nation and faith community.

#### Repentance is the Key to Restoring Community

Luke 15:11-20

##### The Priority of Repentance:

- Repentance is key to knowing God. (Mark 1:15; Matt. 4:17; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 2 Pet. 3:9)
- Repentance is key to reconciliation. (Matt. 5:23-26, 18:15-17)
- Repentance is a lifestyle. (1 John 1:7-9)
- Repentance is sweet and not bitter. 2 Cor. 7:10-11 (Rom. 2:3; Ps. 51:12)

##### The Process of Repentance:

Three things the younger son does in this parable...

- He confessed internally. v17 “But when he came to himself...” (Ps. 119:67, 71)
- He confessed vertically. v21 “I sinned against heaven” He 1<sup>st</sup> and foremost sinned against God. (Ps. 51:4; Ps. 32)
- He confessed horizontal. v21 “I sinned...before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” (James 5:16)

##### The Product of Repentance:

(Pro. 27:6, 17; Heb. 3:12-14; Gal. 6:1)

- Are you becoming more religious or spiritual?
- Are you spiritually stagnant or growing?
- Do you love authentic community and prefer the pain of temporary chaos to the peace of permanent superficiality?
- Do you see accountability as a tool and a gift to realize the maturity and intimacy you could never know all by yourself?
- When confronted do you rationalize, minimize, blame, deny, project, or take responsibility (apologize or listen and contain)?
- Are you seeing the irony of masks to make people think well of you but they are only drawn to you when you take them off?
- Do you realize that you can only be loved to the extent that you are known, and only be completely loved if you are completely known (sin and all)?

There is no evil that the Father’s love cannot pardon and cover, and there is no sin that is a match for His grace. The Father’s love and acceptance are absolutely free, not because they are cheap, but because they are priceless!

October 11	Week Four	“Belonging”	Luke 15:11-24
October 18	Week Five	“Forgiveness”	Luke 15:11-24
October 25	Week Six	“Reunion”	Luke 15:17-32

#### JESUSOLOGY II

(Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ)

November 1	“Mountain Top Experience”	Mark 9:2-29
November 8	“Cross Centered Life”	Mark 9:30-50
November 15	“Marriage & Divorce”	Mark 10:1-12



# Growing

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