

# OUT THROUGH THE IN DOOR

## WELCOME HOME – PRODIGAL SON – PART 3

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### START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- You can find some on page 6 [here](#).
- How many siblings do you have? How are you alike or different from them?

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### START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- When else is doing right counterproductive? Where in our culture can you do “right” but be hindering what needs truly to happen?
- Why does our world follow the “conceal until caught” policy instead of the “confess and come clean” method?
- Read the scriptures **in bold** on the next page in preparation for the following conversation.

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### START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- What is something you do for the duty of it, rather than the “beauty” of it?
- What first drew you in to following Christ? What is the most amazing thing about Christ to you?
- Without sharing names, describe the characteristics of people that have been in your life that in your opinion were, “Older Brothers.”
- What is so dangerous about a church full of Older Brothers?
- Mark listed three signs of an Older Brother Spirit. Which one is a tendency for you? Duty rather than Beauty. Resentful rather than Graceful. Superiority rather than Humility. Why?
- Mark listed three questions to ask yourself. Ask them of your group, in light of the idea on how hard it would be for an Older Brother to answer them:
  - Why does God love me?
  - Does God owe me anything for my good record?
  - Do I frame what offends me?
- If you understood the play on words in the title of the message, be the first person to email me at [mark@flagchurch.com](mailto:mark@flagchurch.com) for a prize.

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### START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Father. Remind me that I need just as much grace as every Younger Brother, maybe more. Keep me free from the ugliness of self righteousness. Amen.

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### START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- Choose as a LifeGroup to video record the verses as Pastor Mark has suggested on the last two pages.

### **Luke 15:11-32 (NIV)**

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<sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup> "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

<sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

<sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.

<sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

<sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

<sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.'

<sup>20</sup> 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.

<sup>21</sup> "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

<sup>22</sup> "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.

<sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.

<sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.

<sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.

<sup>27</sup> 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

<sup>28</sup> **"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.**

<sup>29</sup> **But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.**

<sup>30</sup> **But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'**

<sup>31</sup> "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

<sup>32</sup> **But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"**

### **Matthew 20:13-15 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> **"But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?**

<sup>14</sup> **Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you.**

<sup>15</sup> **Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'**

# VIDEO FOR PRODIGAL SON

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## INSTRUCTIONS:

- Choose a segment of the scriptures to shoot (see other side).
- Find a well lit and quiet area.
- Speak slow and clearly.
- Do not pronounce verse numbers.
- Frame should only include head and shoulders.
- Please avoid full length body videos.

**Yes**



**No**



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## VIEW AND LISTEN BEFORE SENDING

- Enlist the whole family! Let the kids participate!
- Email to [mark@flagchurch.com](mailto:mark@flagchurch.com)

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## PLEASE MENTION THE VERSE NUMBERS IN THE EMAIL

- Want to shoot more than just one segment, great!
- Please keep each segment as a separate video file, though, please.

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