



Yeah, But...

Sermon Notes and Takehome

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Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

Three characters:

1. _____ son.
2. _____ son.
3. _____.

In the younger son, we see _____.

In the elder son, we see _____.

In the father, we see _____.

_____ is "unmerited favor."

- Duty destroys _____.

Grace is a _____.

- It turns duty into _____.
- It turns repentance into _____.

The elder brother and the younger brother were equally _____ and equally _____.

This parable calls us to do two things:

1. _____ grace.
2. _____ grace.

Further Study and Reflection:

Read Luke 15:11-32

1. What strikes you most about Jesus' parable?
2. If you were one of the Pharisees, how might you have reacted to the parable?
3. If you were one of the "sinners" with whom Jesus was eating, how would you have responded?

4. Why do you think grace causes so much conflict for us?

5. What emotions do the following situations bring for you?

- A Nazi soldier on his death-bed asks for forgiveness from a Jew in a concentration camp hospital.
- A woman finds out her husband, who has had affairs in the past is having another affair.
- You find out your child was abused by a neighbor.

6. Should the victim give grace to the perpetrator?

7. What makes it so hard to give grace?

8. Do you think it's hard to accept grace? Why or why not?

9. Can you think of a time you have received grace? What was the result?

10. Would you say you're more of an "elder brother" or "younger brother?" Why?

11. Is there a person to whom you need to give grace?

12. Is there a situation where you need to accept grace?