Week 2:

A New Start

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Questions

1. Where in your life do you most need to experience the Father's grace right now:
    - your choices
    - your relationships
    - your shame
    - your doubts
    - something else?
2. Where are you tempted, like the youngest son, to look for fulfillment, identity, or security apart from God?
3. Have you ever experienced a moment when God opened your eyes to something in your life that needed to change? What happened?
4. Like the older brother, have you ever struggled to celebrate God's grace toward someone because you felt they didn't deserve it? What makes extending grace difficult sometimes?
5. Why can it be difficult to fully receive God's forgiveness and grace, especially when we know we have made mistakes?
6. What is one thing you need to stop running from and start bringing honestly to God?
7. Where are you right now in your relationship with God—drawing closer, drifting away, trying to return, or struggling to trust His grace? What is one step you can take toward Him?

Scripture References

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

Luke 15:18-19
[18] I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. [19] I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.'

Romans 3:10
As it is written:
"There is no one righteous, not even one;

Luke 15:20
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.

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Luke 15:22-24

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.

Luke 15:24

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

Takeaways

- Have you ever needed a New Start?
- #1 Think about it stage
- #2 Acting on it stage
- #3 Pain stage
- Life is hard enough. Don't make it harder.
- The only thing worse than making a bad decision, is making the same bad decision over and over again.
    - 1. He confesses that he's not worthy
- The reason I don't feel worthy is because I'm not worthy.
    - 2. He makes one good decision
    - 3. Your Father is waiting
- Honor
- Belonging
- Provision
- Family

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