

## **The Story Of Grace**

(12) *Commissioned For Grace*

**“BUT WHAT ABOUT...?”**

**Luke 15:11 (ESV)**

And he said, “There was a man who had **two sons**.”

**Luke 15:21 (ESV)**

‘Father, **I have sinned** against heaven and before you.  
**I am no longer worthy to be called your son.**’

**Luke 15:22-23 (ESV)**

But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and **CELEBRATE!**

**Luke 15:28 (ESV)**

But he was **angry** and refused to go in.

**Luke 15:29 (ESV)**

‘Look, these many years I have served you, and **I never disobeyed your command**, yet you never gave me even a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends.

**Luke 15:30 (ESV)**

But when **this son** of yours **came home**, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, **you killed the fattened calf for him!**’

**THE FATHER GAVE THE YOUNGER SON  
PRECISELY WHAT... HE DID NOT DESERVE!**

**Luke 15:32a (ESV)**

“It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, **BECAUSE...**”

**Luke 15:32b (ESV)**

“**BECAUSE...** your **brother** was **dead**, and is **alive**; he was **lost**, and is **found**.”

**GOD CELEBRATES... FIRST AND FOREMOST... RESTORED RELATIONSHIPS!**

While **WE** want to make it about **REHABILITATION...**

**GOD** is all about **RESTORATION!** (Period.)

When an Individual (**ANYONE!**)...

**ACCEPTS... GOD’S UNCONDITIONAL OFFER OF FORGIVENESS...**

**THE “PARTY” STARTS RIGHT THEN AND THERE!**

**IN GOD’S STORY... YOU... Are the FOCUS of CELEBRATION!**

**YOU.** (Period.)