

Celebrating Life Change Luke 15:11-32

 Transformation flows from <u>embracing</u> God's love <u>personally</u>. (v. 11-24)

Transformation grows from <u>sharing</u> God's love <u>joyfully</u>. (v. 25-32)

There are two ways to end up far from God:

- 1. Unrighteousness
- 2. Self-righteousness

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MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1. Everything Jesus touched, He transformed. In what ways has Jesus transformed you? Name something He is working to change in you currently.
- 2. The rebellious son journeyed through rebellion, regret, and repentance, to restoration. How has God used this same process to bring you to His love?
- 3. The religious son hid from the father's love by keeping the rules. What was his true view of the father (see v. 29)? Why couldn't he celebrate his brother's return?
- 4. The barrier to "celebrating life change" in others is religious entitlement. How does that keep us from experiencing God's love? How does it keep us from sharing God's love with others?
- 5. Ask God for an opportunity to share His love with one person who is far from God this week. Use the four stages of question 2 to help them take their next step.

Memory Verse

"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."