

## TAKE YOUR LIFE BACK — WEEK 2 WHEN GOD DOESN'T MAKE SENSE

<sup>11</sup> ...Jesus told them this story: "A man had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. <sup>13</sup> "A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living.

Luke 15:11-13 NLT

### 1. It's \_\_\_\_\_ about the Prodigal Son

"The truth about this parable is that God is always moving toward us, always calling us home, always ready to welcome us into His loving arms...

We expect judgement but He gives us grace"

We expect rejection...but God says "come to me"

### 2. It is about the Prodigals \_\_\_\_\_ brother.

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Luke 15:23-27 NLT

Can you imagine the emotions that the older brother felt...hearing this...

### He started turning \_\_\_\_\_.

Causing him to get angry, bitter, judgmental, jealous, spiteful, envious, resentful, isolated, rejected...and feel abandoned...

### 3. When It's All About \_\_\_\_\_...You Can't See It's About \_\_\_\_\_.

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\_\_\_\_\_...or \_\_\_\_\_...that is the HOME question?

Let's see what he does?

*"The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him, <sup>29</sup> but he replied, 'All these years I've slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. <sup>30</sup> Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!*

*<sup>31</sup> "His father said to him, 'Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!'" Luke 15:28-32 NLT*

**4. When you finally \_\_\_\_\_ what you need is the Father...you finally \_\_\_\_\_ it!**

To live an abundant life, all we have to do is uncinch our fist on everything we've so desperately tried to hang on to and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_ all the Father has for us.

**5. \_\_\_\_\_ Living Vs \_\_\_\_\_ Living...which one will you choose?**

**WHATS THE POINT:** When God and life doesn't make sense... ..how you and I RESPOND to them will make the difference between us having peace in our lives or living in turmoil...