



## The Word @ Home

**Scripture:** Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

**Thoughts:** Have you ever been in an argument with someone certain you were right about your position and then learned later, you were dead wrong? That can be very embarrassing! You were dug in your idea, maybe insulted the other person, maybe even damaged a relationship and now you find out they were right. How can you ever make amends? The prodigal son in this story makes a bold decision. He swallows his pride, admits he was wrong and asks forgiveness. It is very courageous to make yourself so vulnerable. The welcome you receive from the wounded party may not always be as immediately warm as that of this father, but it will create peace in your own heart. If you seek forgiveness from God, you can be sure He will receive you just as this father received his son. The flipside to this story is that of the reception of a plea for forgiveness. May we all be so bold as to welcome apologies with joy.

**Discussion:** Are there relationships you have which are in need of mending? What are the obstacles to making peace?

Do you have a story of asking, receiving or granting forgiveness?

Is forgiveness something you give yourself or someone else gives you?

**Activity:** Name one situation you are currently in where forgiveness is hoped for whether you are hoping to receive or needing to grant it. Write a script for playing out the scene. Pray about it and if God leads you, receive or give that forgiveness.

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Remember in prayer the people in Haiti and Chile; Larry Jose, St. Joseph's hospital, Ann Arbor; June MacDonald, Ginny Whitford on the death of her mother in Ohio, Art and Judy Conley's daughter, Tara, Vivian Hansard, Mildred Pardue, Lynne Meek's father-in-law and Patti Aurand's dad.

**\*\*FIND YOUR FAITH NOTICE\*\***

Find Your Faith will not be gathering for worship March 14 and 21. A planning team and the Staff Parish Relations Committee are developing the foundations to continue this important ministry as soon as possible. Please join the Traditional Worship Service for the next two Sundays at 10:00am.

You can join us ANY Wednesday night for LOGOS dinner at 5:30! Just call the office by Monday prior so we have an accurate count for dinner. We'd love to have you! Tomorrow nights theme is Italian!!