



Reach with Love

Luke 15:20b-24

A. The Reception of the Son

1. He was accepted before his confession.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him...”
Luke 15:20b (NIV)

2. He was loved, even though he was messy.

“...he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.” *Luke 15:20c (NIV)*

3. He was worthy, but felt unworthy.

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’” *Luke 15:21 (NIV)*

B. The Reception for the Son

1. There was restoration for the son.

- a. The robe of honor.

“But the father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him.’” *Luke 15:22a (NIV)*

- b. The ring of authority.

“Put a ring on his finger...” *Luke 15:22b (NIV)*

- c. The sandals of peace.

“...and sandals on his feet.” *Luke 15:22c (NIV)*

2. There was joy because of the son.

“Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate.” *Luke 15:23 (NIV)*

3. There was new life in the son.

“‘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*

C. Some Questions for Application.

1. Condemnation is not from God. So, how often do we picture God as someone waiting for us to grovel in our failures, when in truth, He is already running to meet us with open arms?

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.” *1 John 4:8 (NIV)*

2. We cannot earn God’s love. Why do some of us try and expect others to do the same?

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” *Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)*

3. How often do we pray for the lost to be found? How often do we ask how we can help the lost sinner, with truth and love, turn to Christ?

“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, Who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the Truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself as a ransom for all people.” *1 Timothy 2:1-6a (NIV)*

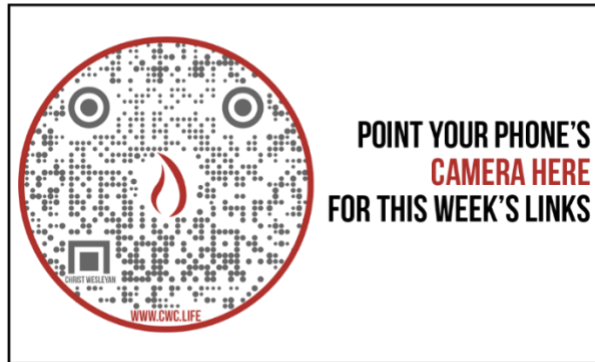
Bottom Line:

God’s love is more powerful
than man’s unworthiness.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

Text: “Jesus” to 570-273-0088

Next Sunday: REACH
Week 3: REACH With Grace
Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 99.1% of goal

Giving year to date: 83.4% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,808

Salvations to date: 179 | Baptisms to date: 51

Upcoming Happenings:

October 20: Flourish Event for women!

October 20: Pastor Appreciation Sunday

October 25: Trunk or Treat – 6:30p

**October 27: Celebration Sunday (Baptisms and Baby
Dedications)**

November 8-10: Youth Fall Retreat

**October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2: Prayer
(Milton Auditorium) 6p-7p**

Notetakers are History Makers