

3. I have to willingly _____ through His Son, _____ God's _____.

When you choose to receive God's forgiveness, He treats you like His beloved _____.

"And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him." ~ Luke 15:20b (NLT)

God is not _____ at you!

*"²¹His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.'²²"But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet.²³And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast,²⁴for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began."
~ Luke 15:21-24 (NLT)*

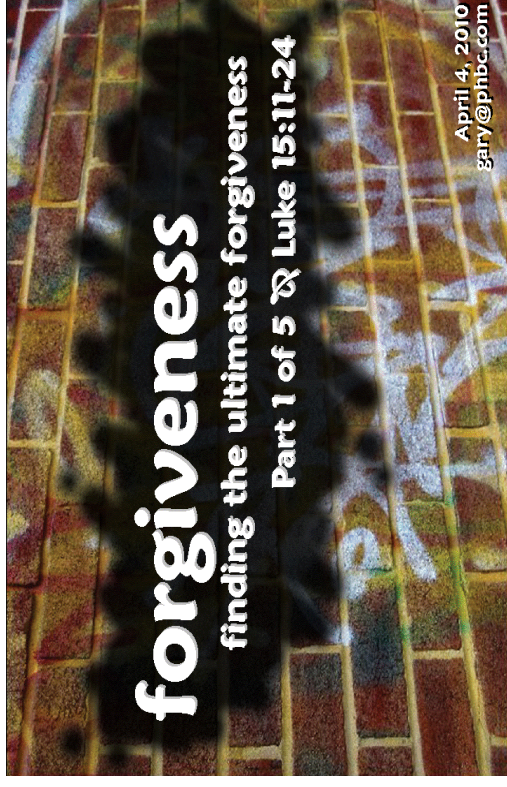
Personal Application:

- 1) Where am I with God today?
- 2) Am I experiencing the blessings and benefits of being His child?

"Eternal Life"

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." ~ John 3:16 (NLT)

*"Jesus, our Lord, was handed over to death because of our failures and was brought back to life so that we could receive God's approval."
~ Romans 4:25 (GWT)*



"... just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives." ~ Romans 6:4 (NLT)

LEVELS OF FORGIVENESS

ULTIMATE FORGIVENESS

THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

¹¹"A man had two sons. ¹²The 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. ¹³A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land..."
~ Luke 15:11b-13a (NLT)

HOW TO FIND FORGIVENESS

1. I have to _____ and _____,
"I need _____."

A Prodigal?

¹³"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. ¹⁴About the time his money ran out a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. ¹⁵He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything. ¹⁷When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger!'"
~ Luke 15:13-17 (NLT)

Personal Application:

- 1) Where am I?
- 2) Is this where I am supposed to be?

"So the Word became human and made his home among us..."
~ John 1:14a (NLT)

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son..."
~ John 3:16a (NLT)

2. I have to _____ to God.

All of us have the _____ to _____
what we will do with our lives...

¹⁸I will go home to my father and say, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, ¹⁹and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.'
²⁰So he returned home to his father..."
~ Luke 15:18-20a (NLT)

The journey to God is not a long _____.
It is simply taking _____ that says...

Personal Application:

- 1) What choice do I need to make right now?
- 2) What is keeping me from doing this?

³⁷With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. ³⁸The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom."
~ Mark 15:37-38 (NIV)

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~ John 3:16a-b (NLT)