

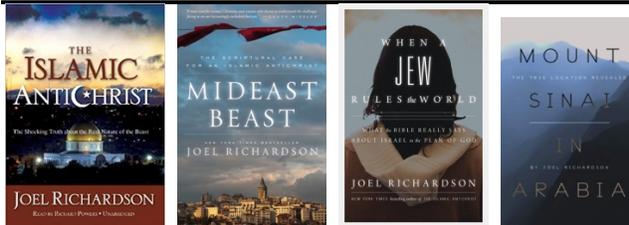
## Parables Lesson 16 Handout David (Video 12)

### PLEASE Come Home

**The Parable of the Prodigal Son – today we will see the heart of God for His children who walk away from Him for a season. Join us as we see that no matter how far you have wandered away from Him – He is waiting with open, outstretched arms to welcome you home!**

**Parables, Prodigal Son, come home to Jesus, welcome home, open arms, women's bible study, Womens bible study,**

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### Joel Video

### Israel Video



### Matthew 15

**21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.**

**22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession."**

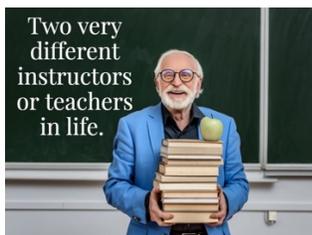
**23 Jesus did not answer a word....**

**DEMON  
POSSESSION AND  
ADOLESCENCE  
LOOK A LOT  
ALIKE.**

**He is  
waiting**

**He has always  
been waiting with  
outstretched  
arms for you to  
run back to Him.**

**“His mercies are new every day.”**



**You learn WHAT  
NOT to do  
BEFORE you do it  
so you don't  
ruin your life.**

**You learn AFTER  
you've done what  
you shouldn't have  
done and now your  
life is kind of  
ruined.**

**WISDOM TEACHES  
YOU THE LESSON  
BEFORE YOU HURT  
YOURSELF.**

**CONSEQUENCES  
TEACH YOU THE  
LESSON AFTER YOU  
HURT YOURSELF.**

**WISDOM PUTS UP A  
FENCE AT THE TOP OF  
THE CLIFF SO YOU DON'T  
FALL OVER.**

**CONSEQUENCES VISITS  
YOU IN THE HOSPITAL  
WHEN YOU ARE IN  
TRACTION FROM FALLING  
OVER THE CLIFF.**

**Proverbs 27:12 A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.**

***Recognize  
our  
selfishness.***

**Luke 15:11** Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

**STOP AND  
LET WISDOM  
BE YOUR  
INSTRUCTOR.**

*Recognize  
when we don't  
want to be  
accountable to  
anyone.*

**13** "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

*Recognize  
we are  
thinking  
short term.*

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<sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

<sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.

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<sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men [skilled craftsmen].'

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<sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father.

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"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him;

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he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

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Matt Williams, of Biola's Talbot School of Theology.

"In the first century, a Middle Eastern man never, never ran. If he were to run, he would have to hitch up his tunic so he would not trip. If he did this, it would show his bare legs. In that culture, it was humiliating and shameful for a man to show his bare legs.

**21** "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

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**22** "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. **23** Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. **24** For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

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**25** "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. **26** So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. **27** 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' **28** "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. **29** But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. **30** But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes

home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> " 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

"Legalists always become angry, whenever grace is extended to another," "The reason is because they like to think that there is some merit in what they do. Legalists always ignore their own poverty. Legalists usually perform well and, in the eyes of the world, measure up quite well. In fact, they are the ones who set the rules (ones that are easy for them and hard for others to keep).

**<sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'** "

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*God doesn't want to hear our plan, He wants us to admit we can't do it on our own and depend on His mercy and grace.*

**PRODIGAL VIDEO**