MATTERS OF THE HEART

Welcome HOME

Luke 15:11-32

The parable of the prodigal son is story of a disobedient and irresponsible son who wasted his money on a life of pleasure and later returned home to his father.

THERE IS PLEASURE IN SIN—FOR A SEASON

1. For many of us our happiness depends upon our circumstances.

2. Getting what we want in life does not guarantee our happiness, because human desires cannot bring lasting satisfaction.

3. Sometimes the worst thing that can happen to us is that we receive exactly what we ask for.

LOVE CAN GO WHERE PLEASURE ABANDONS YOU

1. A person's heart is often changed by acts of love.

2. When we turn away from God, sin overtakes us. When we turn back to God, God runs to us.

3. When we have lost our way, God's love, mercy and forgiveness can restore us if we will allow it.

GOD'S PRESENCE IS FAR GREATER THAN LIFE'S PLEASURES

1. You can trust God with your sins, no matter how painful they are.

2. The grace of God enables us to face our sin. True freedom is found in our Father's grace.

3. We all want to go where we are loved and accepted.

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