

## The Party Luke 15:22-25

**The BIG Idea** ... God's forgiving grace calls for a full-blown celebration! Hebrews 10:17 ... Isaiah 43:25 ...

- Why do we sometimes struggle to believe that God's forgiveness is \_\_\_\_\_ and complete? Because sometimes sin's scars are still \_\_\_\_\_.
- God hasn't removed those scars, not because He hasn't forgiven you, but because He can use those scars to \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ through you. 1 Timothy 1:13-15 ...

### The Robe

- The father's robe will \_\_\_\_\_ the Prodigal's sins.
- The father isn't going to let his son walk back into town dressed in the \_\_\_\_\_ robe of his \_\_\_\_\_, with the stench of the pigpen clinging to it.
- Love covers a \_\_\_\_\_ of sins (1 Peter 4:8).
- When we repent of our sins and trust in Jesus, he covers our sins with the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_. Isaiah 61:10 ...
- Although God doesn't always remove sin's scars from us, He always covers sin's scars for us.
- Even though we see the scars, He \_\_\_\_\_. He sees the \_\_\_\_\_ of His Son, Jesus, whose \_\_\_\_\_ covers us. Isaiah 53:5 ...

### The Ring

- In that culture, everything revolved around a single ring—the family \_\_\_\_\_, with the family crest or seal.
- To possess the ring is to have \_\_\_\_\_ to, and \_\_\_\_\_ over, the family estate.
- "My forgiveness grants to my son all the \_\_\_\_\_ and privileges of a son, including all that I have and all that I am. I hold \_\_\_\_\_ back from him." Galatians 4:6-7 ...

### The Shoes

- When the Prodigal left home, he was wearing sandals. But now he's coming home shoeless—looking like a long-lost \_\_\_\_\_.
- The father steps in to rewrite his son's story with a pair of new sandals, so that, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, he is outfitted in his father's \_\_\_\_\_.
- Back in the pigpen, no one gave him \_\_\_\_\_. But when he comes home, his father gives him \_\_\_\_\_.
- Tim Keller: "The Father has become the prodigal. He holds nothing back. He knows no shame. His grace is so extravagant that it seems \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

### The Calf

- The fattened calf is \_\_\_\_\_-plus pounds of prime beef that can feed \_\_\_\_\_-plus people.
- "My son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ full and forever forgiveness is being celebrated.
- The son who was lost and dying in the pigpen has found new life and a forever home in the forgiving grace of his father. It's like he'd never been \_\_\_\_\_; it's like his sin had never even \_\_\_\_\_. Ephesians 2:4-5 ...

### The Takeaways

1. \_\_\_\_\_ what God says about His forgiveness—it is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Colossians 2:13-14).
2. God calls us to \_\_\_\_\_ others in the same way He has \_\_\_\_\_ us (Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 5:14-15).
3. God calls us to \_\_\_\_\_ others to join the celebration of His forgiving grace (Zephaniah 3:17).