

## The Father Luke 15:29-32

This story isn't the \_\_\_\_\_ story, or the \_\_\_\_\_ story; it's the \_\_\_\_\_ story.

**The BIG Idea** ... \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. Colossians 1:16 ...

**The BIG Question** ... What is my \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ being the point of my story?

### When Jesus Isn't the Point

Signs that Jesus isn't the point ...

- \_\_\_\_\_ . Proverbs 16:18 ...
- \_\_\_\_\_ . 1 Samuel 12:24 ...
- \_\_\_\_\_ . Romans 3:23 ... Matthew 7:3 ...

When Jesus isn't the point of your story, then \_\_\_\_\_ won't be a major player in your story. You won't show \_\_\_\_\_ grace to others, because you are convinced you don't \_\_\_\_\_ grace as \_\_\_\_\_ as others.

### Why Jesus Is the Point

- Romans 5:8, "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
- He loves \_\_\_\_\_ of sinner: in-your-face sinners like the younger son, and smug self-righteous sinners like this older son.
- The younger son is here to prove that no one is beyond the \_\_\_\_\_ of grace. The older son is here to prove that no one is beyond the \_\_\_\_\_ for grace.
- Jesus shuts down the story with the \_\_\_\_\_: "This your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."
- In the Greek, there are \_\_\_\_\_ stanzas that tell the younger son's story, while there are only \_\_\_\_\_ stanzas that tell the older son's story.
- So what about the missing \_\_\_\_\_<sup>th</sup> stanza? Jesus doesn't tell us ... because it isn't about what the older son \_\_\_\_\_ do; it's about what the Father \_\_\_\_\_. He is the point of the story.

So how will the story end for us? Will we \_\_\_\_\_ by the grace of Jesus, and join in the party that is celebrating Jesus?

### The Takeaways

When Jesus is the point of our story ...

1. We will celebrate the lavish grace He shows \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 12:15 ...
2. We will celebrate the lavish grace He shows \_\_\_\_\_. Psalm 16:11 ...