



# 1 Youth Ministry

## Grades 7-12

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### Guilt and Bitterness

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Remember  
Midweek Thursday Youth service 7pm!

#### Sunday



#### Guilt and Bitterness

Last Sunday, we talked about how carrying Guilt and Bitterness can keep you from moving forward and living the amazing life that God has planned for you.

To help illustrate, we looked at a parable that Jesus tells in the Gospel of Luke often referred to as the parable of the Prodigal Son in **Luke 15:11-32**. To make it a little more fun, we used a scene from the movie "Godspell" and then discussed the story afterwards.

We said that the 3 people in the story are the Father, representing God and the two sons, representing us. The story starts with the youngest son asking for his share of his father's estate.

We said that the son asking for his inheritance while his father was still alive was very disrespectful and showed

youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

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**This Week's Bible Verse**

**Ephesians 4:31-32**

31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

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that he cared more about the money than his father. But, the father gave it to him anyway.

Of course, the younger son squandered all the money on lavish living and felt guilty when he fell on hard times. We talked about feeling too guilty to talk to God after doing something we know is wrong just as the son felt too guilty to go back to his father or to even be called his father's son anymore.

But, when the starving son reluctantly returned to his father in disgrace, his father not only gladly welcomed him back with open arms, and no condemnation, he threw a huge party celebrating his sons return.

We said that no matter what you've done or how far you've strayed from God, He is always there waiting for you, with no condemnation, to welcome you back and there will be a big party for you in heaven.

God's love for us is much more powerful than any guilt we may have for whatever we've done and we should never feel too guilty or ashamed to go to Him.

We then talked about the third person in this story, the older son. He was really angry about his father celebrating the younger son after he squandered all his money while he stayed and worked so hard for his father.

Maybe he was jealous of the party given for his brother or felt it wasn't fair or that his brother didn't deserve it after what he had done. But, whatever the reason, he was so angry and bitter about it that he refused to go in and join the party.

We said that Christians can sometimes behave this way in Church when we see someone who we feel doesn't "deserve" to be saved after being such a sinner. We can become bitter and feel that we deserve God's blessings more than they do.

We said that whether we hold onto guilt over something we've done or hold onto bitterness over what someone else has done, it keeps us from experiencing the amazing life that God has planned for us. **It keeps us from joining God's party.**

**1 Youth: Coffee Q&A With Michelle**

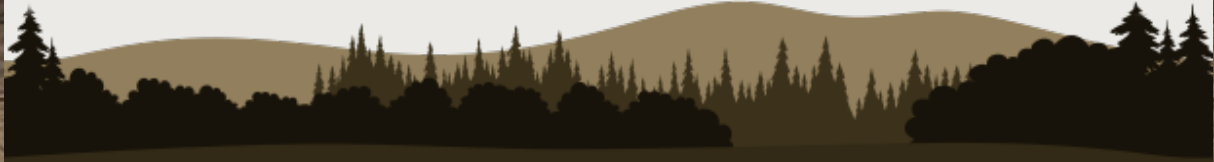
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**Sundays** at 9:00am in the Youth Room

Join us in the Youth Room every Sunday, starting at 9:00am, for refreshments in a casual atmosphere for an opportunity for you and your friends to ask questions and discuss answers to

your most pressing questions about God, Jesus, the Bible, other Religions, Christianity, or just about Life in general.



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