



A NEW KIND OF YOU
"A New Papa"

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1. Before you pray, if you call TC you're home, Pastor Derwin wants to tell your TC Group, "It's such an honor to serve and partner with you, as Jesus does a great work among us. Thank you."
 - Open in prayer. Read Ephesians 1:1-3 and Luke 15:11-32.
 - Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God the Father's heart towards you through the story of the Prodigal Son.

2. This is going to be hard, but it's critical to our discipleship. Share some of the Papa-wounds you have as it relates to what Pastor Derwin taught. From our fathers we can learn religion that produces pride or despair.
 - Pride – "I'm good independent of God. Therefore, I don't need Jesus."
 - Despair – "I can't live up to the way God wants me to live. Therefore, Jesus won't love and accept me."
 - Grace – "I'm good because Jesus is good. It's His goodness that empowers me to live a good life."

3. Read Luke 15:11-12.
 - Our New Papa is loving and patient.
 - How has God been loving and patient towards you?
 - How did this make you feel?
 - Have you had an opportunity to be loving and patient with someone who hurt you?

4. Read Luke 15:13-16.
 - The younger son experienced the consequences of his poor, ungodly actions. This is an expression of God's wrath.
 - Read Romans 1:24-25.

5. Read Luke 15:17-19.
 - Notice how the son became religious. What did he do?
 - Religion says, "God accepts me based on my behavior."
 - Have you tried becoming acceptable to God by your performance? How did it make you feel?

6. Read Luke 15:20-24.

- Our New Papa is compassionate.
 - What was the father's response to his son?
- Our New Papa restores dignity (robe), authority (ring), and celebrates over us (feast).
 - Read Zephaniah 3:17. What do you think about this? How does this practically impact your life?

7. Read Luke 15:25-32.

- Our New Papa will not force us into the eternal celebration.
- What was the older brother's attitude? Why couldn't he celebrate the return of his brother? Hint: You can't give away what you don't possess.

Soul-tattoo: Repent of religion and embrace your New Papa's grace.