

# The Year Of Following Jesus #78: The Prodigal Family

June 24, 2023

*Welcome Home!*  
*Thanks for joining us today*

**June 24 & 25, 2023**

Build Your Kingdom Here

**Welcome**

My Jesus

Holy Forever

**Lord's Supper Thought**

Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone

**Prayer**

**Communion**

**Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus #78**

**The Prodigal Family — Pastor Ed**



## Good Stuff To Know

**Riverside Services Online-** If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

**Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering-** We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com), click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

**FAQs -** Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.



### First Time Visitors

#### The Lord's Supper (Communion)

This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place (and don't forget to social distance). You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us.

"Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online.  
[www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

### This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- ➡ Thrive Thursday - hiking
- ➡ Sign up to help with VBS

### Riverside Happenings

**Riverside Potluck**- Next potluck July 9th after the 2nd service.

**Save the Date**- VBS will be held August 7-10. Sign up your kids and/or sign up to help out. See Janet or Tayler for details.

**Warriors in Christ** - Meeting TBD. See Nate for details.

**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, July 8, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Men's Prayer Group** - Currently discussing "Praying in God's Word." Contact Hank at 713 548 7446.

**Baptism** - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to [www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism](http://www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism)



**Write to our missionaries**- See the bulletin board for more info.

### Need To Talk?...

The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.

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Website: [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

Facebook: EagleRiverside

### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, July 3rd, 6:00 - 7:30**

Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional.

For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help?

See Cassie.



**Thursday, June 29th, 6:00 - 8:00**

9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional.

Questions? Like to help? See Aniela.



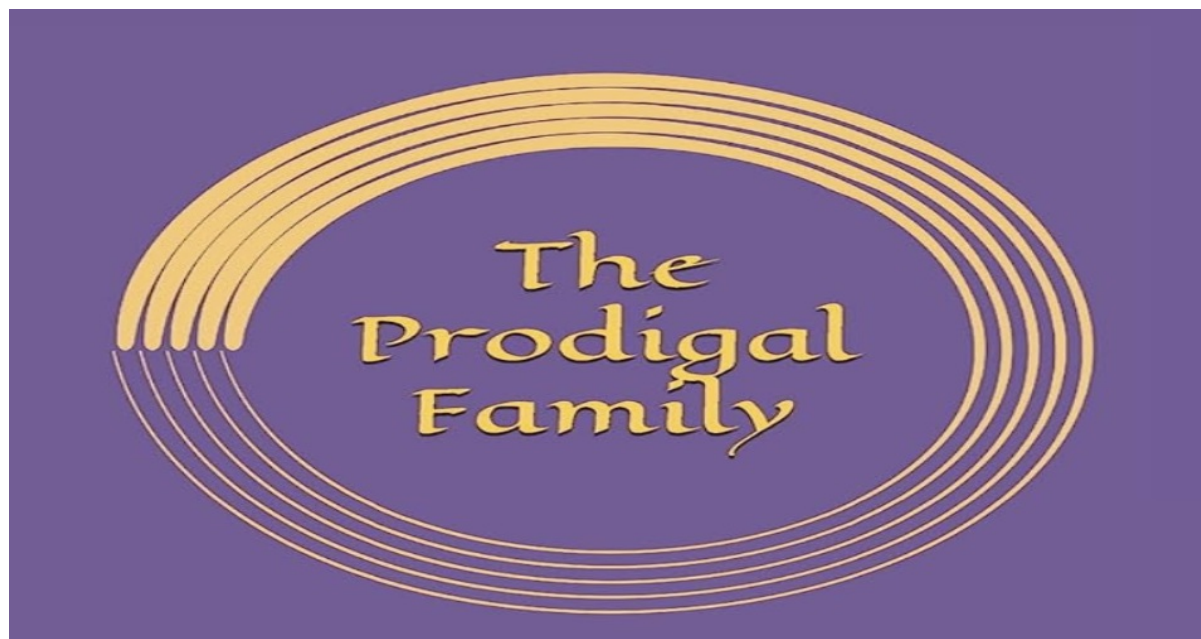
To get updates, text the following to **907.312.2662**:

"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!



# The Year(s) Of <sup>Following</sup> Jesus #78 <sup>Family</sup>

## The Prodigal Son Dad

**Prodigal= To wastefully or recklessly squander a precious resource**

*Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people— even eating with them!*

—Luke 15:1-2 (NLT)

*There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.*

—Luke 15:11-12 (NIV)

## **What’s Jesus Getting At?**

### **1. It’s Never Too Late To Come Home.**

- *I will go home to my father and say, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.”*

—Luke 15:18-19 (NLT)

- *While he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of*

*being called your son...*

*—Luke 15:20-21 (NLT)*

- *“...But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.*

*—Luke 15:21-24 (NLT)*

- *Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working...*

*—Luke 15:28 (NLT)*

## **2. Self Righteousness Will Kill Your Relationship With The Father.**

- *Jesus told a story to some people who thought they were better than others and who looked down on everyone else...*

*—Luke 18:9 (CEV)*

- *Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, and he asked one of the servants what was going on. ‘Your brother is back,’ he was told, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.’ ‘The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in.*

*—Luke 15:25-28 (NLT)*

## **3. It’s Never Too Late To Come Home.**

- *So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.’*

*—Luke 15:28-29 (NIV)*

- *Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!*

—Luke 15:30 (NLT)

#### **4. Everybody's Welcome, Nobody's Perfect & Anything's Possible.**

- *"His father said to him, 'Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!'"*

—Luke 15:31-32 (NLT)

#### **Follow Through Step:**

**Reflect on which person in the story of the prodigal family you identify with the most. Then ask yourself why you identify with that person.**