

## Welcome to Aspire Church!

June 19, 2022

We're so glad to be together on this spiritual journey. This week we'll be learning about God's extravagant love for the prodigal. Let's worship and learn together!

### Let's Connect!

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a regular attender, we want to connect with you! Fill out this form and place it in the offering basket following worship.

Name:

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I would like more information about:

## Week at a Glance

### Sunday, June 19

9:00 a.m.

First Light Worship | Sanctuary

10:00 a.m.

Next Steps: Third Step | D300

Small groups for all ages

11:00 a.m.

New Light Worship | MFC

6:00 p.m.

Friends of Bill | MFC

### Summer Fun Days

June 20 - 24

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Monday, June 20

7:00 p.m.

Friends of Bill | MFC

### Wednesday, June 22

6:00 p.m.

ESL Summer Classes | A214

### Friday, June 24

6:00 p.m.

Student Game Night | D303

### Saturday, June 25

9:00 a.m.

CPR Certification | A100

### Sunday, June 26

9:00 a.m.

First Light Worship | Sanctuary

10:00 a.m.

Next Steps: Fourth Step | D300

Small groups for all ages

11:00 a.m.

New Light Worship | MFC

Connect with us digitally by  
texting VIP to 904-441-8650.

next steps

New at Aspire?

Join us Sundays

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. | Room D300

## Upcoming Events

### Xtreme Bible Camp

June 27 - July 1

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Campers will learn more about God by studying his Word, His character, His Welcome to Xtreme Bible Camp! Here, campers will embark on a journey of discovery as they learn more about God through His Word. They'll gain a deeper understanding of His character, His Son, and the Holy Spirit. Along the way, they'll have plenty of opportunities for fun and adventure. So come on in and explore all that Xtreme Bible Camp has to offer!

For more information on upcoming these and other summer camps please scan this QR code.



### First Aid/CPR Certification

Saturday, June 25

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join us to renew your First Aid/CPR certification this Saturday morning. The cost is \$40 per person and the certification is valid for three years.

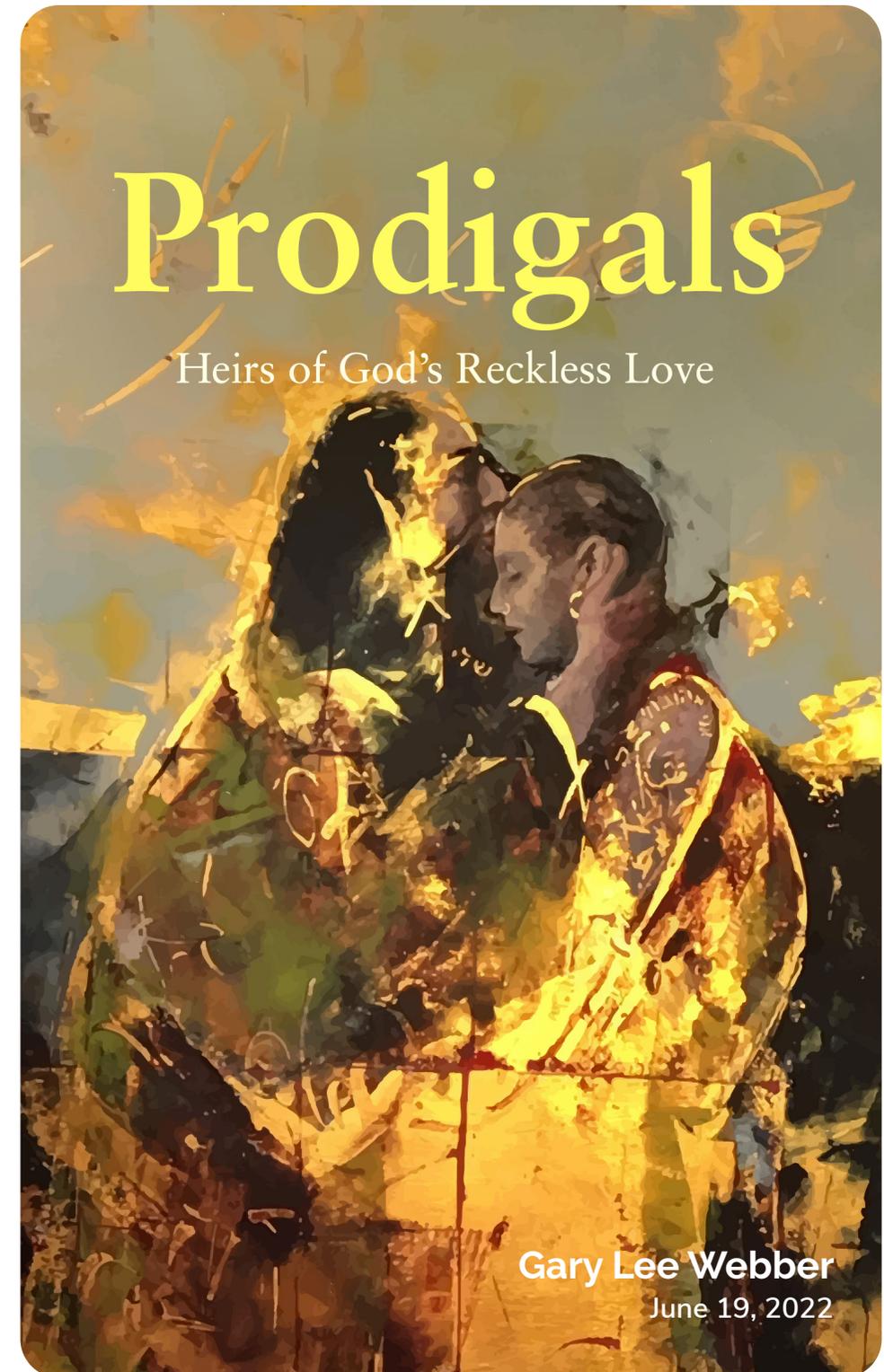
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# Small Group Questions

Use this outline for personal reflection, as a couples or family devotion, or with a small group.

## HANGOUT (warming up to the topic)

1. If a friend borrowed your car and brought it back to you without gas, who paid for the gas? Would you say anything to your friend? Why or why not? If you owed a bank \$1,000 and that bank forgave your debt, who paid the \$1,000? If your boss said something unfair about you to your co-workers and you forgave him, did that forgiveness come at a price? If so, what was it and who paid it?

## HEAR (listening to God through Scripture)

The book of Philemon is one of the shortest books in the New Testament. It is a personal letter written by the apostle Paul asking Philemon to pay the price of forgiving a runaway slave.

2. **Read Philemon 1:1-7**
  - What does Paul's introduction tell us about his circumstance?
  - Based on these verses, what do you know about Philemon?
  - What has provided Paul with "much joy and comfort"?
3. **Read Philemon 1:8-16**
  - Why does Paul prefer to appeal to Philemon rather than command him? What is the risk of making an appeal? What is the benefit?
  - What can we infer happened to Onesimus after he met Paul? What evidence do you see to support that belief?
  - Read Galatians 3:28 & 4:4-8. Is Paul's message to Philemon consistent with what he said to the Galatians? Why or why not?
4. **Read Philemon 1:17-25**
  - What, specifically, was Paul asking of Philemon? Who was going to pay the price for Onesimus's freedom? What did Philemon owe Paul? How was Paul leveraging that debt?
  - We do not know how Philemon responded to Paul's request, but if he rejected it, what would that say about Philemon?
  - Read Colossians 2:13-15. What happened to the record of our debts? Who paid the price?
  - If our debts were paid on the cross, what does that mean for the debts we are owed?
  - Could Jesus say to you what Paul said to Philemon? Read Matthew 6:12-15. Is there someone you are unwilling to forgive?

## HUDDLE (making it personal and praying together - in huddles)

5. Are you harboring any bitterness or unforgiveness in your heart? If so, for whom and why? What would it take for you to forgive that person? Talk about it, invite accountability, and take time to pray.

# Paying the Price

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Debts are never truly forgiven, they are always paid. A person with a debt is expected to repay that debt to the lender. If that lender "forgives" the debt, the debtor is only free because the lender has paid a price. Forgiveness always comes with a price tag. Join us for part two of **Prodigals** where we will explore the cost of forgiveness.

### Passage:

Luke 15:11-32

### Principle:

Forgiveness is \_\_\_\_\_ to the person \_\_\_\_\_ it.

### Practice:

\_\_\_\_\_ and welcome \_\_\_\_\_.

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# Daily Readings

This week, as you read examples of those who were willing to pay a high price to extend God's mercy to others, invite the Holy Spirit to show you how you can follow these examples.

- o Day 1: Exodus 5
- o Day 2: Exodus 6
- o Day 3: Luke 15
- o Day 4: 2 Corinthians 10
- o Day 5: 2 Corinthians 11
- o Day 6: 2 Corinthians 12
- o Day 7: Philemon

# Suggested Resources

*Prodigal God* by Timothy Keller

*The Jesus I Never Knew*

by Philip Yancey

*What's So Amazing About Grace*

By Philip Yancey

Check out these and other suggested books at <https://bit.ly/AspireSMB>

# Think Deeper

1. When was the last time you had to forgive someone? What did it cost you?
2. When was the last time you received forgiveness? Who paid the price?

# Prayer Requests and Praises

We would be honored to pray for or with you! Fill out the information on the back of this card and write your prayer request below.

Check here if this request is confidential (shared only with the pastors)

Use this for your daily reading

Tear this card and drop it off in the offering basket.