

## The Reckless Love of God

(The G\_\_\_\_\_, G\_\_\_\_\_ & G\_\_\_\_\_ of God)

Luke 15:1-7 (p. 1013); Matthew 20:1-16 (p. 954)

### Introduction

“Parables are not meant to p\_\_ u\_\_ on the b\_\_\_\_\_, but to give us a k\_\_\_\_\_ in the p\_\_\_\_\_.” Michael Green

“God came to c\_\_\_\_\_ the a\_\_\_\_\_ and a\_\_\_\_\_ the c\_\_\_\_\_.”

Kingdomnomics is all about “the s\_\_\_\_\_ m\_\_\_\_\_ of grace”. Dan Raymond

### Why This Parable Rubs Us the Wrong Way:

- 1) It i\_\_\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_
  - Matthew 20:9 – 11
  - We join the g\_\_\_\_\_ in the back of the line.
  - Jean Anouilh’s portrayal of the Last Judgment
- 2) We think we have t\_\_ e\_\_\_\_\_ our forgiveness
- 3) We feel s\_\_\_\_\_

### The Character Traits of God Highlighted

1. The G\_\_\_\_\_ of God
  - God loves you a\_\_ y\_\_ a\_\_\_\_ and not as you s\_\_\_\_\_ b\_\_.

### 2. The G\_\_\_\_\_ of God

“Be more encouraged by the g\_\_\_\_\_ of G\_\_\_\_\_ than you are discouraged by y\_\_\_\_\_ l\_\_\_\_\_ of g\_\_\_\_\_. Be more encouraged by how far you’ve c\_\_\_\_\_ than discouraged by how far you h\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_ g\_\_\_\_\_.” Joyce Meyer

“It is in the hours of not understanding God’s plan that all we can do is t\_\_\_\_\_. When we cannot t\_\_\_\_\_ His h\_\_\_\_\_ we can trust his h\_\_\_\_\_, and know that He is too good to be cruel and too kind to be harsh, so we trust His heart.” Max Lucado

### 3. The G\_\_\_\_\_ of God

- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Ephesians 2:4-5

You’ll never get the heart of God until you get this one thing – God’s top priority is to o\_\_\_\_\_ g\_\_\_\_\_. That’s why Jesus came.

### Conclusion

- 1 John 4:9-10
- “Dear God, please help me to be the person . . .
- 1 John 3:1
- The Parable of the G\_\_\_\_\_, G\_\_\_\_\_ and G\_\_\_\_\_ Landowner

### Recommended Reading:

Brennan Manning, Lion and Lamb: The Relentless Tenderness of Jesus

John Burke, No Perfect People Allowed

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“God came to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.”

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#### 2) We think we have to earn our forgiveness

#### 3) We feel superior

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#### 1. The Generosity of God

- God loves you as you are and not as you should be.

#### 2. The Goodness of God

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“It is in the hours of not understanding God's plan that all we can do is trust. When we cannot trace his hand we can trust his heart, and know that He is too good to be cruel and too kind to be harsh, so we trust His heart.”

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