

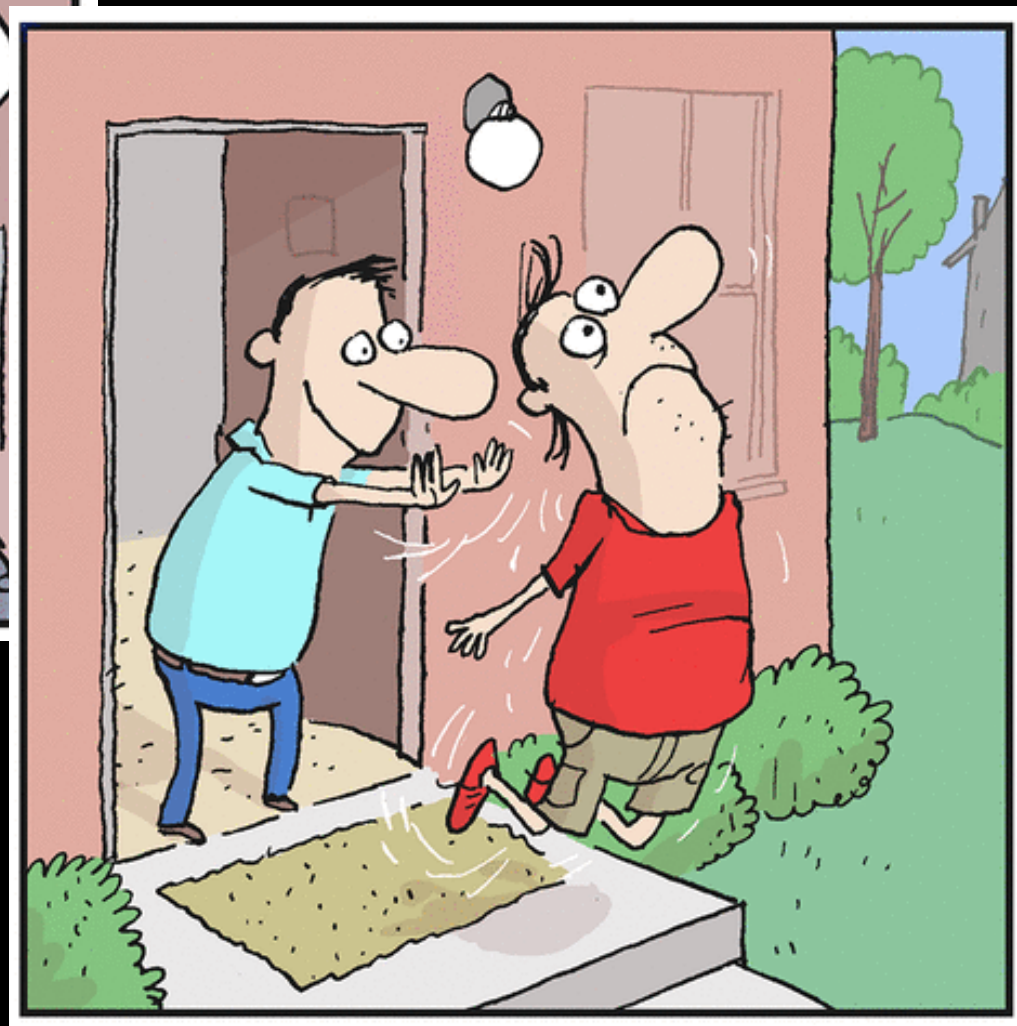
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GRACE

A series from the parables in Luke 15

you wanna check out this new game? you try to acquire riches and battle evil forces as you advance through a strange and mysterious world.

sounds awesome, Dad!



Background

Audience: Sinners and Religious

¹ “Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Luke 15:1-2

The Father's Heart - Luke 15:11-32

Outrageous Demand

¹²The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

The Father's Heart - Luke 15:11-32

Community Chaos

¹³ “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country”

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Reckless Living

13 “..set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.”

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Totally Spent

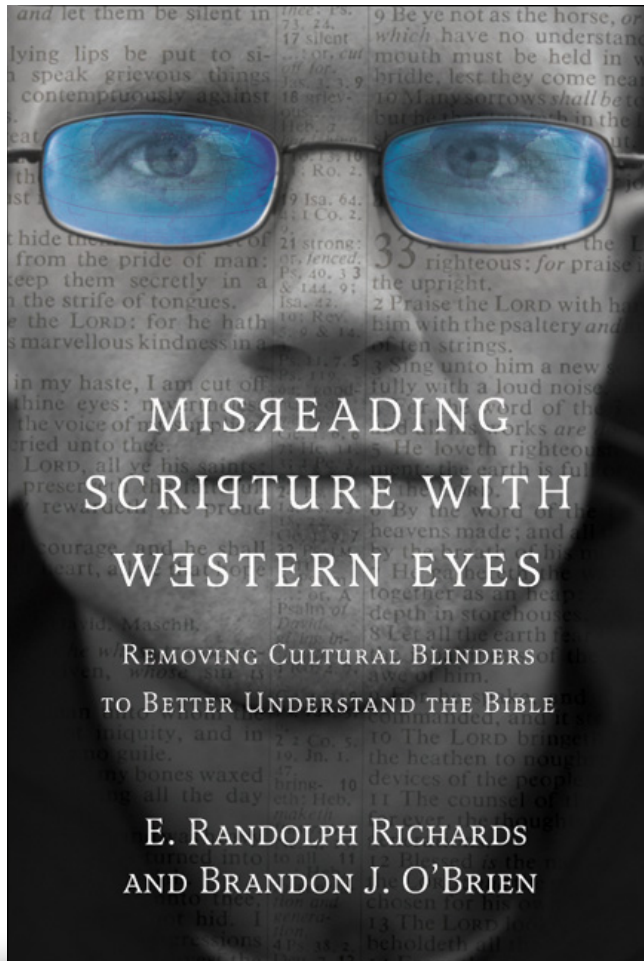
¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

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Eat Much?

“The Forgotten Famine”

“Only six of the one hundred participants mentioned the famine”



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The Turn Around

¹⁷“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.”

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Unconventional Father

²⁰ “...But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.”

The Father's Heart - Luke 15:11-32

“What is God running for? Why does He bring shame and scorn on Himself for exposing Himself? It’s just shocking. The reason: The Father runs taking the shame to protect the son from taking the shame. He takes the scorn, and the mockery, and the slander so that his son doesn’t have to bear it.”



John MacArthur *“The Loving Father”* December 2005

Full Restoration

²¹ “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²” But the father said to his servants,

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Full Restoration

22 ...'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

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Full Restoration

²³ "Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.

²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate."

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The Older (lost) Son

²⁵ “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

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The Older (lost) Son

²⁸“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.

²⁹But 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. ³⁰But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

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Not "free" to Celebrate

³¹""My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

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“We know we belong to the land. And the land we belong to is grand”

“The only way the father could keep open the possibility of salvation was for him to tear his life apart. He divided his life. He tore his life apart.”

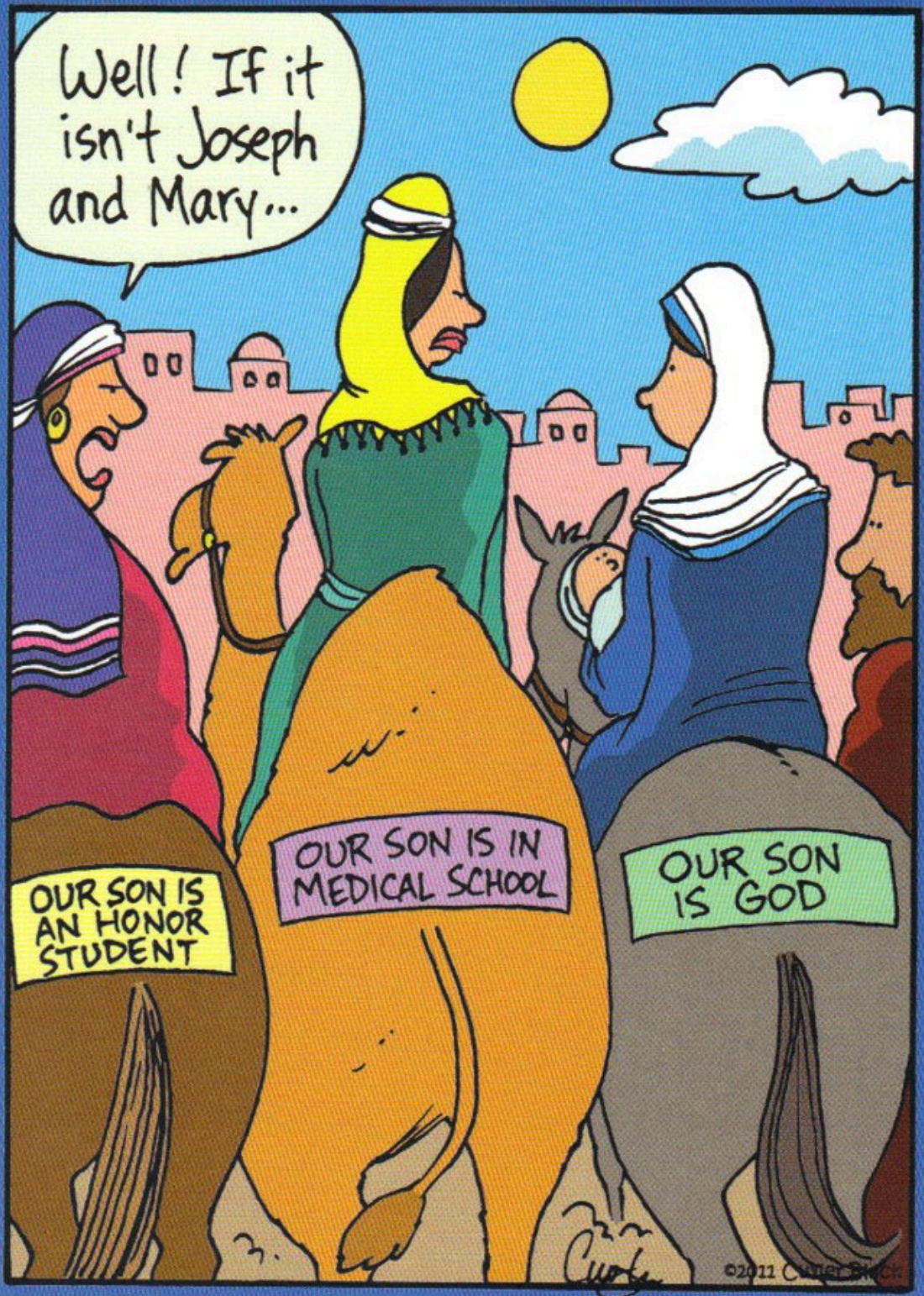
Tim Keller *“Give Me Mine”* October 5, 2008



Reminders

1. The Father is not ashamed to call you his child.

Well! If it isn't Joseph and Mary...



Reminders

2. The more you come to appreciate Gods grace, admire Him for who He is, and value relationship as He does the more gracious you will become.