

# SESSION 2 PARTICIPANTS' HANDOUT

## THE REBELLIOUS SON - HIS SINS

# THE SON PRODIGAL

### VIEW

Watch Session Two: *The Prodigal Son* (8 minutes)

### SESSION BIG IDEA

Sin by its very nature brings inescapable and painful consequences.

### BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Read Luke 15: 11-16

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### APPLICATION

According to the classical definition, **sin** is “a word, deed, or desire in opposition to the eternal law of God.” Luke 15:13 describes this son’s sin as, “*he squandered his estate with loose living.*” List a few examples of the kinds of sin that come to mind when you envision this prodigal son’s *loose living*.

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**Synonyms for the word “prodigal” include:** *lavish, profuse, extravagant, reckless, wasteful, squandering, improvident.* **Antonyms include words such as:** *frugal, saving, hoarding, economical, miserly, close, closefisted.* Describe below a time of *loose living* in your own life. How did it feel when that world came crashing down? As you identify with the Rebellious Son, how much of the consequences of your sin was your own fault?

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### PERSONAL REFLECTION

Hebrews 11:25 describes sin as being enjoyable “for a season.” A famous quote by Martin Luther, however, says, “Sin **pays back** believers and unbelievers with boredom, shame, loneliness, confusion, emptiness, loss of purpose, loss of reward.” Keeping this in mind...

What did the Rebellious Son have going for him?

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How did the foolishness of the Rebellious Son pay him back?

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### MEMORIZE

**Bible memorization is important for believers. Choose one of the following passages to memorize this week:**

- Jeremiah 29:11 - Behold, the Lord’s hand is not so short that it cannot save; nor is His ear so dull that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.
- Psalm 21:1-2 - How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit!

### PRAY

Suppressing the urge to sin is difficult on your own, but when you turn to God for help, He can empower you with wisdom and strength to overcome even the most enticing temptations. As believers, we are instructed to pray through our struggles. In these three Gospel passages, Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane on Good Friday speaking to his disciples about temptation:

- “Keep watching and **praying** that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Matthew 26:41)
- Keep watch and **pray**, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak. (Mark 14:38)
- There he told them, “**Pray** that you will not give in to temptation.” (Luke 22:40)