

## "DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY DID?" (Forgiveness Series – Three)

Introduction: One of the most well-known fathers in the Bible is the father of the prodigal son (*Luke 15:11-32*). This father demonstrates how God forgives His children. It is a model for all believers to follow (*Colossians 3:13*).

### I. THE FATHER FORGAVE BEFORE HE WAS ASKED

\**Luke 15:20*      \**Isaiah 54:7*      \**Jeremiah 3:12-14*

Note: Sins and offenses break fellowship, not relationship!

### II. THE FATHER DESIRED TO BE RECONCILED

\**Luke 15:21-24*      \**Romans 12:18*      \**Mark 11:25*      \**Proverbs 16:7*

Note: Reconciliation requires two people!

### III. FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION DOES NOT ERASE CONSEQUENCES OF OFFENSES / SINS

\**Luke 15:13-14*      \**Luke 15:31*      \**Luke 15:25-28*      \**Luke 15:29*

1. Forgiveness and reconciliation could not restore the wasted years of sin.
2. The youngest son wasted his inheritance.
3. His sins damaged his fellowship with his brother.

Note: The father sought to be a peacemaker and so should we.

Conclusion: This famous parable of Jesus provides hope, but warnings in relationships with God and people.