



WALKING IT OUT

WEEK 6: THE WORKS OF JESUS

things to think about...

- Think about the miracles Jesus performed. Is there anything in your life today that would be beyond his ability to manage or change?
- Spend some time this week noticing areas of your life where you can relate to the lost son in Jesus' parable... "I want what I want and I want it now!"
- Have you ever experienced the love, acceptance and forgiveness of the father in the parable? The father is a picture of how God feels about you!
- What would life today be like if everything was the way God intended it to be? Jesus gave a foretaste of all of that as he lived his life and restored people and things.
- Ask God to show you what it means (or would mean) for your life to have Jesus show you "the way, the truth and the life" that God always intended for you.

things to read about...

Matthew 5, 7, 10, 13, 18–20 Read or listen online: <http://bit.ly/mat5->

Mark 3–6, 10, 13 Read or listen online: <http://bit.ly/mark3->

Luke 6, 8–10, 12–15, 17 Read or listen online: <http://bit.ly/luke6->

John 3 Read or listen online: <http://bit.ly/john3>

Is the Kingdom Present or Future? Piper looks at several of Jesus' parables to answer this question. Read or listen online: <http://bit.ly/piper-kingdom>

What's the difference between living for the Kingdom and living for the American dream?

Piper deals with what drives us. Is it the King or something else...

Read or listen online: <http://bit.ly/piper-dream>

The Prodigal God Tim Keller explains why both sons in Jesus' parable are lost, are lost for the same reason and what the father reveals about God.

Read an excerpt online: <http://bit.ly/keller-prodigal> (and/or listen to a similar sermon: <http://bit.ly/keller-sons>)

The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming A much-loved book by Henri Nouwen that uses a painting by Rembrandt and his own experiences to dig deep into the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Read an excerpt online: <http://bit.ly/nouwen>

Verses of the Bible to Memorize (they'll help you remember some big ideas from this week's story):

John 14:6 "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:9 "Jesus said..."Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."