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THE TITLE OF THIS WEEK'S SERMON IS "I JUST SPENT ALL WEEK WORKING ON A SERMON AND I GOT NOTHING"

### Claiming God's Promises

"He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him."  
(Psalm 126:6)



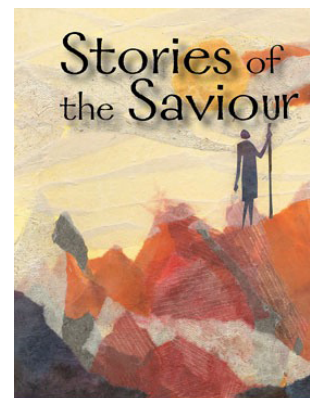
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The First Sunday of Lent  
Sunday, March 5, 2017  
10:00 AM

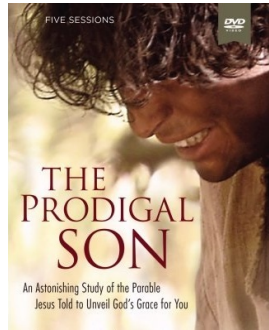


"THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER"  
MATTHEW 13:1-23

"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"  
(John 7:37-38)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## The Prodigal Son DVD Study

### UNCOVER NEW INSIGHTS IN ONE OF JESUS' GREATEST PARABLES!

Two thousand years ago, Jesus told a simple story about a father and his two sons. This tale stands out because it is a story about each of us and our struggles with sin. Whether we identify with the rebellion of the younger son or the self-righteousness of the older brother, we are all in need of our Father's grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

This 5-week video-based Bible study provides fascinating new insights into this parable and takes participants step-by-step through each part of the tale. We will explore not only the shocking actions of the younger son in his rebellion, but also the cold-hearted attitude of the older brother toward his family. We will find a reflection of ourselves in each of these two sons--and come to understand, in a fresh new way, what God does to find us where we are and bring us back home. Join us **Thursday evenings** in Lent at the **Kingston House of Prayer** (447 Division St.), beginning **this Thursday, March 9 at 7:00 PM** for this DVD study that includes video teaching and discussion, Bible exploration, and personal study and reflection materials for in-between sessions. Topics include:

Parables: Unveiling God's Truth Through Stories  
Repentance: Facing the Agony of Being Lost  
Forgiveness: Experiencing our Father's Love  
Pretence: Looking Good isn't Good Enough  
Grace: Receiving Our Most Amazing Gift



## For Your Prayers

Please hold the following people, places, and petitions in your prayers this week.

**The World:** Pray for an end to all violence and unrest; for countries in conflict and for the people who live in them--that the whole world would know the peace, justice, and freedom of God.

- For Israel, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, and parts of Africa.
- For the vulnerable: for women, children, those lost in the sex-trade, refugees, prisoners, and captives.

**The Church:** Pray for Christians throughout the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel--that Jesus would be known, worshipped, and obeyed.

- For the persecuted church: for Christians in the Middle East, Pakistan, China, and parts of Africa.
- For our Province (ACNA) and Primate: for Archbishop Foley Beach (& Allison).
- For our Diocese: for our Diocesan Bishop Charlie Masters (& Judy); our Suffragan Bishops: Stephen Leung (& Nona); Trevor Walters (& Dede); and retired Bishop Don Harvey (& Trudy).
- For ANiC congregations in New England: for Holy Trinity, Attleboro, Massachusetts; the Rev. Andrew Carlson and the Rev. Ronald Wheelock; and for all who work and worship in that parish.
- For our brothers and sisters in Christ ministering with us in Kingston: for Kingsway Outreach Centre.
- For our parish & the families of: Ross & Shirley Underhill, Monica Van Order, Roy & Ferne Vopni, Derek & Heather Waddingham, Mark & Brenda Windatt.
- For missionaries at home and abroad--for their safety and protection, as they spread the good news. Pray for Friends of Koura, ministering in South East Mali, West Africa.
- **Our Country, Province, and City:** for all those in authority--that they would lead with righteousness and truth.
- Pray for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Premier Kathleen Wynne; and Mayor Bryan Paterson.

**The Sick and Suffering:** Pray for all those who cry out for healing in body mind or spirit.

- Pray for those in our parish: Harry, Barbara, Ann.
- Pray for our family & friends: Larry, Carolyn, Lowell, Linda, Brenda, Sue, Bishop George Bruce, Jeff & Gail.



