



## Episode 18: REJECTION || July 19, 2020

### Main Points - Luke 15:11-24

Religion makes us feel we are always one step away from being rejected.

The same things people reject about religion Jesus also rejected.

Religion rejects "sinners." Jesus restores them.

The first step to restoration is admitting there's separation.

God has never and will never give up on you.

The only thing that restores relationships is forgiveness.

There is nothing in your past, present, or future that disqualifies you from God's immediate acceptance and forgiveness.

Experiencing forgiveness empowers you to offer forgiveness.

Religion rejects and separates. Jesus forgives and restores.

*Challenge: read Luke 15 every day this week.*

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### Discussion Questions

1. In the past, what did you think God was like? What fictional character would God resemble to you?
2. Read John 1:16-18. From what you know, what has Jesus revealed to you about what God is like?
3. What is something from this message you want to act on / remind yourself of / live out this week?

### "Show Notes" Resources with Links:

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#### **Giveaways:**

- Winner! [King's Kitchen](#) in Fork Forty Food Hall
- Next week: [Azul's Taco House](#)

**Music** we enjoyed this week:

[How Far I'll Go - Auli'i Cravalho](#)

[Wait for It - Leslie Odom Jr](#)

[Selah - Kanye West](#)

#### **Additional Resources / Books on this topic:**

- [Ragamuffin Gospel](#), Brennan Manning
- [The Chosen](#) (a highly recommended and non-cheesy Jesus series)

#### **Bible Readings:**

- Matthew 18:21-35
- Luke 15 Challenge - read once a day

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