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## **Ephesians 3:15-19**

**I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.**

**And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.**

**May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.**

## **Matthew 13:1-3**

**Later that day, Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeshore to teach the people.**

**Soon, there were so many people surrounding him that he had to teach sitting in a boat while the large crowd stood on the shore.**

**He taught them many things by using stories, parables that would illustrate spiritual truths.**



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## **Luke 15:11-32**

**To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: “A man had two sons. The younger son told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now before you die.’ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.**

**“A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve.**

**He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.**

**“When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! I will go home to my father and say, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.” ’**

**So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.**

**His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’**

**“But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening.**

**We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.**

**“Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, and he asked one of the servants what was going on.**

**‘Your brother is back,’ he was told, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.’**

**“The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in. His father came out and begged him, but he replied, ‘All these years I’ve slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends.**

**Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!’**

**“His father said to him, ‘Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate this happy day.**

**For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!’”**



## **Luke 7:36-39**

**One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat. When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume.**

**Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them.**

**When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She’s a sinner!”**

**Then Jesus answered his thoughts. “Simon,” he said to the Pharisee, “I have something to say to you.”**

**“Go ahead, Teacher,” Simon replied.**

**Then Jesus told him this story: “A man loaned money to two people—500 pieces of silver to one and 50 pieces to the other. But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?”**

**Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt.”**

**“That’s right,” Jesus said.**

**Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn’t offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair.**

**You didn’t greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume.**

**“I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love.”**

**Then Jesus said to the woman, “Your sins are forgiven.”**

**The men at the table said among themselves, “Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?”**

**And Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”**

**Revelation 5:8-10, 12**

**And they sang a new song, saying:**

**“You are worthy to take the scroll,  
And to open its seals;  
For You were slain,  
And have redeemed us to God by Your blood  
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,  
  
And have made us kings and priests to our God;  
And we shall reign on the earth.”**

**“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
To receive power and riches and wisdom,  
And strength and honor and glory and blessing!”**

**And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and  
under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are  
in them, I heard saying:**

**“Blessing and honor and glory and power  
Be to Him who sits on the throne,  
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!”**

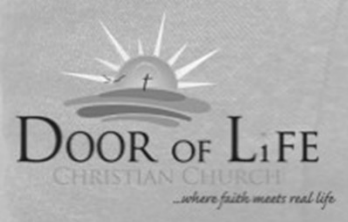
## **Revelation 19:6-9**

**Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a vast crowd or the roar of mighty ocean waves or the crash of loud thunder:**

**Praise the LORD! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself.**

**She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear. For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God's holy people.**

**And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb."**



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