

## Next Week Sermon

### Let God **START** a New Work

Isaiah 43:18-19  
PREACHER

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### Good News for the Poor

Isaiah 58:6-10  
PREACHER

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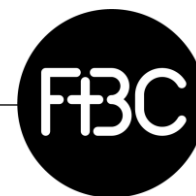
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### Tentative Topic

PREACHER

**Wong Yi Khen**

# When Grace Redefines Goodness



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Luke 15:1-2; 11-32

**God's infinite grace in redeeming the lost defies  
logic and transcends human understanding.**



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Main Truth

1. God's Unchanging Love Endures The Most Rebellious  
(11-17)

2. God's Radical Grace Forgives Without Boundaries  
(18-24)

3. Self-righteousness Shuts Out God's grace  
(25-32)



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Sermon Outline

# God's Unchanging Love Endures the Most Rebellious (11-17)



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Point 1

The younger one said to his father, '**Father,  
give me my share of the estate.'**

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Luke 15:12a



**‘So, he divided his  
property between them’.**

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Luke 15:12b



So, he divided his **'property'** between them.

**'Property = Bios = Life**

So, he divided his **'Life'** between them.



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Luke 15:12b



13 Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there **squandered his wealth in wild living.**

14 After he had spent everything, **there was a severe famine** in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

15 So he went and **hired himself out** to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields **to feed pigs.**

16 **He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating,** but no one gave him anything.



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Luke 15:13-16

# God's Radical Grace Forgives without Boundaries (17-24)



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Point 2

17 When he came to his senses, he said, **‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ‘.**

18 I will set out and **go back to my father** and say to him: **‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.**

19 I am **no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’**



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Luke 15:17-19

**For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—  
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—  
not by works, so that no one can boast.**



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Ephesians 2:8-9

20 So he got up and went to his father. “But **while he was still a long way off**, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; **he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.**

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Luke 15:20



22 “But the father said to his servants,  
**‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on  
him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on  
his feet.**

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Luke 15:22



**10** I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices  
in my God. For he has **clothed me with garments  
of salvation** and arrayed me in **a robe of his  
righteousness**, as a bridegroom adorns his head  
like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her  
jewels.

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Isaiah 61:10



# **God's infinite Grace Redeems and Restores the Lost Relentlessly and Unconditionally.**



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Truth 1



# 3. Self-Righteousness Shuts Out God's Grace

(25-32)



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Point 3

29 But he answered his father, '**Look!** All these years I've been slaving for you and **never disobeyed your orders.** Yet you **never gave me even a young goat** so I could celebrate with my friends.



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Luke 15:29

30 'But when this son of yours who has **squandered your property with prostitutes** comes home, **you kill the fattened calf for him!**'

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Luke 15:30



31 “ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘**you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.**’ ”

32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because **this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.**’ ”

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Luke 15:31-32

**“I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” This demonstrates that God’s choices are based on His sovereign will, not human notions of fairness.**



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Romans 9:15-16

**'Father, I have never disobeyed you' v29 –**

**i.e., his 'self-righteousness'.**

**'He became angry and refused to go in' v28 –**

**i.e., his 'utter rejection of the father'.**

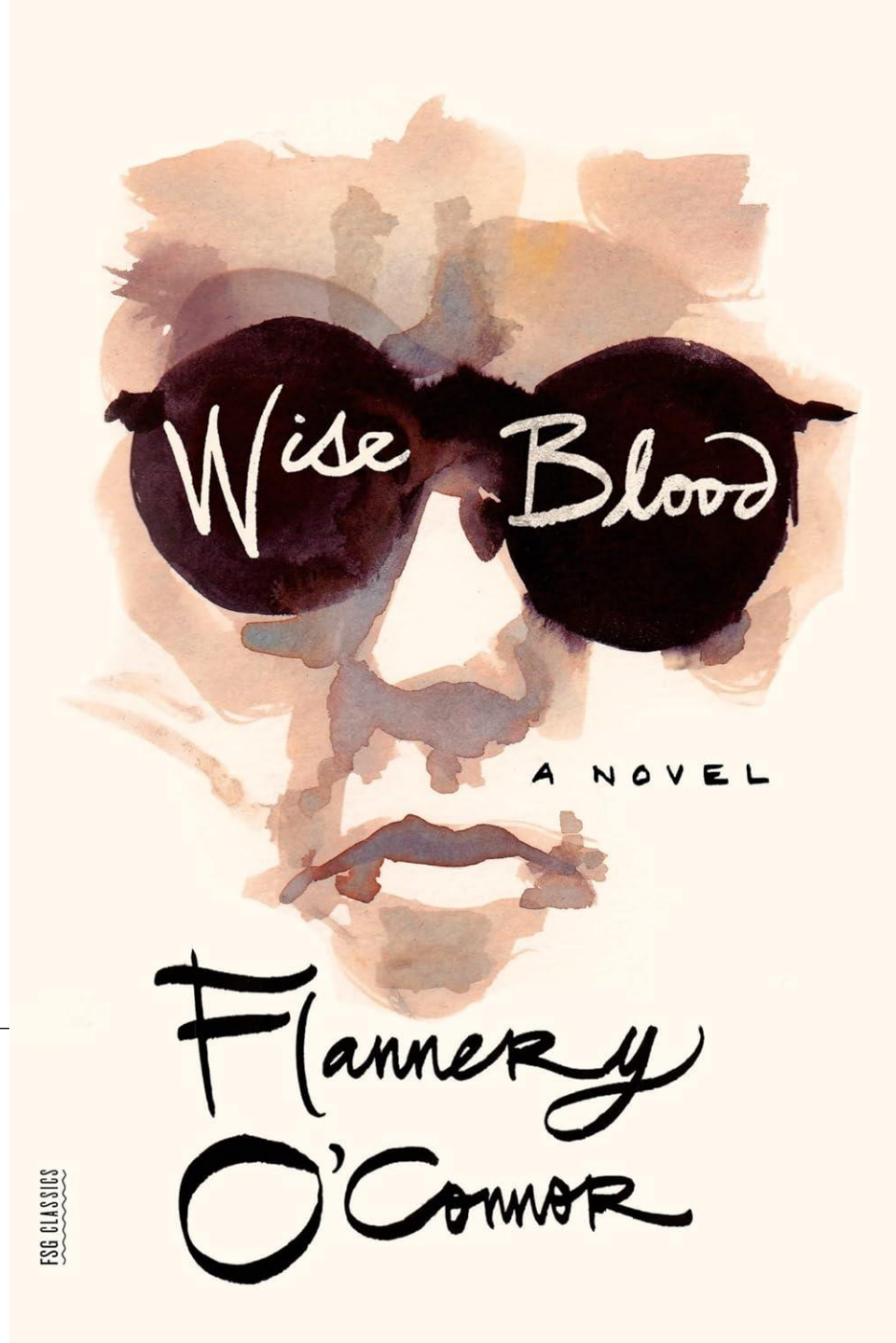


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Self-righteousness and Rejection

**“The way to avoid  
Jesus was to avoid  
sin.”**

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**God's infinite grace alone saves, not  
moral striving nor conformity.**



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Truth 2



**God's infinite Grace in Redeeming the  
Lost Defies Logic and Transcends  
Human Understanding.**



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Main Truth

# THANK YOU



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