

MAKE IT FUN – PART 2: PERMISSION GRANTED SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Everyone wants to have fun in life but sometimes we feel like we don't have permission to have fun. Maybe it's been instilled in us that life is serious – and there are times when it is – but even when life is serious there are pockets of joy that can be found. There is within each of us an innate desire to have fun and experience joy – maybe because God placed it within us. And if God placed it within us, we have permission to have fun and experience joy (if we need any evidence, just check out Jesus' pattern).

READ LUKE 15:1-32

- Why do you think Jesus was criticized so much for his choices about who to hang out with?
- What are some ways people do & don't give themselves permission to have fun and experience joy in life?
- Why were the shepherd and woman compelled to celebrate when what was lost was found?
- How might the request for his share of the estate be a way of asking permission to have fun by the younger son?
- Why did the father give the permission even though he knew the type of fun was the wrong kind?
- What are some things we perceive as fun that turn out to not be as much fun as we think they would be?
- Why do you think the father so graciously and lavishly welcomed the wayward son back home?
- Why do you think the older son was angry? What are some ways anger can lower the fun factor in life?
- What are some things worth celebrating in your life?
- What are some things that keep you from having fun and experiencing joy in life?
- What next step will you take to give yourself permission to make it fun?

PERMISSION IS GRANTED TO MAKE IT FUN!