

# GBUMC COMPASS

A Weekly Worship Guide

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**“Friends in Christ exercising love, hope and grace to enrich all lives.”**

## Sermon Recap

As we grapple with the unfathomable love of God, we also marvel at the gift and promise of everlasting life – something we refer to simply as “heaven.” On the one hand, we believe that salvation is through faith alone – not by our good works (nor is it negated by our lack of good works), and yet, on the other hand, we can’t help but feel a little let down by what can feel unfair. “If I am faithful my whole life and seek to make the world a better place, why is my reward the same as someone who has lived contrary to all of that?” It’s an understandable frustration, isn’t it? Today, we explore God’s economy of grace and how it might differ from ours. Can the degree to which we adopt God’s economy of grace be a measure of our love for our neighbors, friend, and enemies?

P.S. *Whoever says Christianity isn’t challenging clearly hasn’t dug deep enough!*

*“Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you*

*killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”*

## Applied to My Life:

We’ve all taken turns being the loyal brother in the story of the Prodigal Son. We find ourselves struggling with the obvious unfairness of the whole thing! But can we rejoice that, at the end of the day, the brother returns? Here’s another way to ask this question: *Who is someone, past or present, who you think has wandered as far from God as possible? Now, imagine that you meet them in heaven, all because of God’s economy of grace. How do you feel?*

## Other Worship Notes I Want to Remember: