

What does Jesus' story of the Prodigal Son teach you about when to say yes and when to say no?

TAKING IT HOME

1. Which of the 3 types of "YES"/"NO" people do you identify with the most?

2. Is there a current situation you are in where you could use God's help knowing whether to say "yes" or "no" to someone's need? What perspective did you get from the sermon this week?

3. What's one thing you would like to get out of this sermon series? Ask God directly for what you need.

WHEN TO SAY YES, WHEN TO SAY NO
When "Yes" Is Harmful
Mark 1:35-38, 6:31-34

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WHEN "YES" IS HARMFUL

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3 TYPES OF "YES" AND "NO" PEOPLE

WHEN YOUR "YES" IS HARMFUL

WHEN YOUR "YES" REMOVES _____

"A man reaps what he sows." Galatians 6:7b

WHEN YOUR "YES" DELAYS _____

"A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty; if you rescue him, you will have to do it again." Proverbs 19:19

WHEN YOUR "YES" HAS BAD _____

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Growth Group Homework

For the Week of October 31, 2010

MY STORY

1. Can you relate to the struggle of knowing when to say “yes” or “no” to people’s needs and requests for help?
2. What was new for you from this week’s sermon?
3. Can you think of a time when someone said “yes” for you and delayed your development as a result? What happened?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. This week we’ll look at the first part of Jesus’ popular parable of the Prodigal Son, but from the perspective of “yes” and “no.” Read **Luke 15:11-20**. Summarize the situation in verses **11-13**.

2. Things got tough for the son in verses **14-16**. Imagine for a moment that the story took a detour here. Imagine that the father heard about his son’s situation, traveled to find him, and gave him more money so that his son did not

have to work feeding pigs. Using the space below, and looking over the three harmful “yes’s” in your sermon notes, describe how this might have been a bad idea.

3. The Father didn’t rescue his son from his poor decisions. What were the good results of this (**Luke 11:17-20a**)?

Why do you think it is so hard for people to let their loved ones experience the consequences of their decisions and not rescue them?

4. What attitude did the father have when his son returned (**Luke 15:20b**)?

What does this teach us about the father’s heart for his son the whole way though?