

"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him."

Jesus used stories to communicate important truths about God and the way in which we humans relate to God.

1. This story is about those of us who **REBEL** against God but ultimately **REPENT**.
2. This story is also about those of us who **SAY** the right things but don't follow through with **DOING** the things that God wants.
3. The good news is that there is **HOPE** for both sons! The process is simple.

ADMIT our sin/failure.

ACCEPT that we need God's help in order to experience real change.

ACT to bring our lives into harmony with God.

5. A meaningful faith is not just about "feeling" good; it is also about doing good as we **SUBMIT** ourselves to being **SHAPED** by our status as born again sons and daughters of God!