

Steps to Christ
Chapter 6
Faith and Acceptance

I. How Much Do We Pay?

 **Read Isaiah 1:18; Isaiah 55:1; Ezekiel 36:26**

Discussion Questions:

1. What do these texts say to you?

2. What would you tell a person who says that their sins are so bad that God could never forgive them?

3. Ezekiel 36:26 refers to a “new heart.” What do you believe this means?

II. Taking Jesus At His Word

 **Read Matthew 9:2-7** (notice particularly verse 6).

Discussion Question:

4. If you were going to give a seminar on these verses, what would be at least four points you would make?
 - a.

- b.

- c.

- d.

III. Thy Will Be Done

 **Read Mark 11:24; Luke 11:2; John 6:38-40**

Discussion Questions:

5. Some say that if people have enough faith, God will give them anything they pray for. After reading the above texts, what would you say to a person who believes this to be true?

6. How would you explain to someone what faith is?

7. What would you say is one request that is always the will of God?

IV. A Father Receives His Wayward Son

Read Luke 15:20-24

In Lesson 4, we discussed the feelings of the prodigal son as he returned to his father. In these texts we will look at the father's attitude toward his returning boy.

8. What do you feel is the most important word in verse 20?

9. Verses 22 and 23 list several things the father did for his son. These things could have spiritual significance. What do you think some of them might be?
 - a.

 - b.

 - c.

 - d.

V. No Looking Back

Read Isaiah 55:7; 44:22; Ezekiel 18:32

Discussion Questions:

10. What are several things that come to mind when you read these texts?

11. After reading these texts, how would you advise a person who seems to be always looking backwards?

12. What do these texts tell you about God?

“But even this parable, tender and touching as it is, comes short of expressing the infinite compassion of the heavenly Father. The Lord declares by His prophet, “I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee.” Jeremiah 31:3. While the sinner is yet far from the Father's house, wasting his substance in a strange country, the Father's heart is yearning over him; and every longing awakened in the soul to return to God is but the tender pleading of His Spirit, wooing, entreating, drawing the wanderer to the Father's heart of love.” Steps to Christ, p. 36.