

# From the window View of DCE Wiemer

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Family is  
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the farther away we seem to move away from each other is to never take family time for granted! I truthfully believe that family is a blessing that God gives us to get through a lot of joys, sorrows, struggles, challenges, emotional outbursts, etc. The list could go on! I, for sure, do not know what I would do without my four older brothers and my wonderful parents! Most of my family, I have not seen since Christmas - this is a long time for me! However, my youngest brother is getting married in May, where I will be reunited with my Drewitz family! I am really looking forward to this time and celebration!

However, not all families are perfect. We go through our own squabbles and arguments. We do not agree on everything - we are a sinful family. Thinking about all these things said above and the celebration/party to come reminds me of the Prodigal son recorded in Luke 15. This is a story that illustrates perfectly the sinfulness of our condition by the two brothers.

We see the younger brother wasting his life away and the older brother not accepting his LOST brother back.

It also shows the unconditional love of our Heavenly Father. We are to be less like the brothers and more like the father. In this parable, we observe two parties going on. One party is held by the younger son - you can use your imagination as to what looked like. Then there is the party held by the father - there was music and dancing.

We all love parties. Which party are you going to attend? The one that brings starvation or the one with the fattened calf, given in love by the Father?

In Youth Bible study last week, I discussed with the youth about Christ giving us a way out of our temptations and struggles (1 Corinthians 10:13), but that it is up to us to walk with God and take that escape. Today if someone says something so obvious, we might call them "Captain Obvious." In elementary school we would have said, "No Duh!"

So which party are you going to? Which side are you going to take? The one that gives life or death? That's a "Captain Obvious", "No Duh" answer, right? Yet, so many still choose the party that starves.

As we approach Easter, we are reminded of the party that we are invited to - that is everlasting life!

Let's party with Christ!

**God's blessings, DCE Wiemer**