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3. \_\_\_\_\_ **NEW LIFE FROM GOD.**

“But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. 23And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, 24for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.” **Luke 15:22-24**

■ ■ **Memory Verse**

**“When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same any more. A new life has begun!”**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

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■ ■ **Next Step Today**

- Memorize 2 Corinthians 5:17.
- Receive new life from God through Jesus Christ for the first time.
- Receive prayer to help overcome my “Dark Side” in the area of: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Send me more info on the Despicable Me Movie Night July, 16th.



**6 DESPICABLE ME:  
OVERCOMING MY DARK SIDE**

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“I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do...For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.” **Romans 7:15,18-20**

**THREE KEY TRUTHS ABOUT MY DARK SIDE:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ HAS A “DARK SIDE”.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” **Romans 3:23**

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- MY "DARK SIDE" LEADS TO \_\_\_\_\_.

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." **Proverbs 14:12**

- THE SOLUTION TO MY "DARK SIDE" IS \_\_\_\_\_.

"Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits – who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases." **Psalms 103:2-3**

### **HOW CAN I BE FORGIVEN? (The Story of the Lost Son - Luke 15:11-32)**

"Jesus told them this story: 'A man had two sons. 12The younger son told his father, "I want my share of your estate now before you die." So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. 13A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. 14About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. 15He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. 16The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.'"

**Luke 15:11-16**

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### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ MY NEED FOR GOD.**

"When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! 18I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, 19and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.'"

**Luke 15:17-19**

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast." **Ephesians 2:8-9**

### **2. \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD.**

"So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. 21His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.'"

**Luke 15:20-21**

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." **Romans 8:1**

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." **Romans 10:13**