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WEEKLY REFLECTION & CHALLENGE SHEET

"IN DISAPPOINTMENT" | March 14, 2021

ICE BREAKERS:

What is a family trip you had hoped to take but have never found the time/money to go?
What is a trip that you have taken that was pretty spectacular? What made it that?

DISCUSS:

What is your natural reaction to someone who disappoints you?
Silent? Confrontational? Hopeful? Vengeance?

Have you every been disappointed at God? What were the circumstances?

"Jesus came for us, but that doesn't mean he came to please us. Jesus came for us, but he does not answer to us. Jesus came for us, but he will not subject himself to our agenda . . ."

— John Koessler, *The Surprising Grace of Disappointment*

REVIEW TOGETHER: Luke 15:11-31 (have someone summarize the story)

Where in the story do you see disappointment directed at someone show up?

REFLECT: "When you expect something or someone to SOLVE all your problems, you are setting yourself up for disappointment."

How does **BLAME** & Biblical **HOPE** stand opposed to one another as we feel disappointment?

READ TOGETHER: Romans 4:18-21, 2 Corinthians 4:8-18

How can we look more like Jesus when we feel disappointed in others?

This week's challenge: Spend time at the end of each day this week journaling about your best moments and your worst moments throughout the day. At the end of the week, spend time considering how you experienced **HOPE** in the midst of each experience.