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Calling Women to Freedom, Fullness, and Fruitfulness in Christ

How to Love a Prodigal: A Candid Conversation with Judy Douglass

If you're praying for a prodigal, you may feel alone in the struggle. Judy Douglass knows that ache and the strength that can be found in Christ.

Q: You've experienced this painful journey and helped hundreds of others through it. What advice do you have?

A: **The three words I've found most helpful are love, mercy, and grace.** That's how God has always related to us. He's loved you with this incredible love that caused Him to give His life to redeem you. When you've made mistakes, He's given you mercy, over and over.

What will have far better results than pushing your prodigal away is pulling your child into your heart, like the father in Luke 15.

This doesn't mean you don't have boundaries. Or that they'll respond immediately. But seeking to love and to hold—and not in a controlling sense—makes a huge difference.

Q: But it hurts so deeply. How can moms continue loving their prodigal children when they keep lashing out?

A: **It's only possible by the power of God in you. You're going to go against your own hurt feelings, anger, and fear,** but when you trust God with that, He can give you His love, mercy, and grace to flow through you.

Be patient. Keep loving. Bless your child. **They don't deserve blessings, but neither do we.** Bless them in prayer, and bless them practically.

Q: How did you do this as a mom?

A: One time, I was trying to speak with my son in a voice of grace, and he stormed out angrily. Right then, I decided to shift my anger toward tangibly blessing him. I chose one of his chores—laundry—and gathered every dirty piece in his room.

One by one, I put his clothes into the washing machine and said, "I bless you, Josh." "I bless you, Josh." It was the most healing thing I could've done.

Q: Would you offer a prayer for a prodigal now?

A: Father, I know how much You love this prodigal. Please soften their heart, that they'd lose their anger and resentment about all things related to You. Awaken their conscience. Remove spiritual blindness. **Keep pouring out Your love, mercy, and grace on them.** Bring people into their life to remind them of what they've known. Give them a heart to turn to you and see the abundant life You offer. Give them the power to grasp how great Your love for them is. Please **don't let them wander away forever.** ♡

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Judy Douglass

Hear from three *Revive Our Hearts* Ambassadors in the blog series: "When Your Adult Child Identifies as Transgender." ReviveOurHearts.com/Transgender


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Praying for Prodigals around the World

For the first time in the ministry's history, *Revive Our Hearts* distributed a 30-day challenge in five languages simultaneously, guiding women around the globe in fervent prayer throughout the month of June.

Available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, German, and Italian, *While You Wait for Your Prodigal: A 30-Day Prayer Challenge* responds to the impassioned pleas from heartbroken parents and grandparents flooding *Revive Our Hearts* with requests for resources addressing their prodigal loved ones. Participants have been urged to earnestly petition the Lord, pouring out their requests before Him and entrusting their loved ones into His compassionate and capable hands. **Lord, bring them home.** 



BIBLICAL HELP for Real Life

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Streaming

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LOVING & LIVING GOD'S WORD

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7 P.M. (EDT)

Kelly Needham
Katie McCoy
Kay Arthur



ENDURING TRIALS & SUFFERING

NOV 12
7 P.M. (EST)

Ray & Jani Ortlund
Katherine Wolf
Colleen Chao



DEVELOPING A VIBRANT PRAYER LIFE

FEB 4
7 P.M. (EST)


Lori Hatcher
Karen Ellis
Kathy Branzell

Stream recordings through May 5, 2025.



Clear Eyes on Confused Pride


Pride Month is one way Western cultures have encouraged many to celebrate LGBTQ+ ideologies. In contrast, **we call women to know and live out what the Bible says about identity and sexuality and to demonstrate Christlike humility rather than pride.** That's why we need the clear, loving eyes of Christ, and all the more when our loved ones view this issue differently than we do.

Gain biblical perspective with the *Revive Our Hearts* podcast season "Gender & Sexuality: Clarity in an Age of Confusion." 

ReviveOurHearts.com/Gender



Stand with Us in Prayer

Want to stay connected with *Revive Our Hearts*? **Learn the latest ways through our Prayer & Praise newsletter!** You'll receive up-to-date ways to pray for Nancy and the entire *Revive Our Hearts* community. 

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Summer LISTENING GUIDE



Whether you're packing up the car to head out of town or to take your kids to the neighborhood pool, you'll want to add these podcast episodes to your travel playlist.



Are you tempted to doubt the promises of God? Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth says that the key to conquering every fear is getting your eyes off of yourself and looking to Him. Learn more in the *Revive Our Hearts* season "Behold Your God."

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Should "self-care" be part of your summer routine? Learn more about the biblical principles surrounding the areas of rest, food, and relationships in the episode "Caring for the Soul" from *Revive Our Hearts Weekend*.

ReviveOurHearts.com/SoulCare




Do you struggle with shame when it comes to your body? Find freedom and wisdom to help you steward your health well in the "Embodied" season of *The Deep Well with Erin Davis*.

ReviveOurHearts.com/BodyWisdom



Special Prayer Request FOR NANCY

Nancy needs prayer in the months ahead as she diligently studies God's Word for a large block of programs teaching through the whole Bible. Video and audio recordings have already begun, and our team has been mobilizing to produce and translate the programs into multiple languages. Lord willing, her teaching will provide an application-oriented journey through the Bible, which will coincide with various reading plans that will inspire millions of women to study, love, and obey the Scriptures. (We hope you'll be among them!)

Until then, would you be willing to pray for Nancy as she pours so much of her energy into what may become the largest-ever ROH content series? 

SNEAK PEEK

Enjoy this studio sample of Nancy's teaching, pulled from her introduction to the book of Exodus.

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