## SERMON **NOTES**



1. Story holds a tremendous power to transform our lives.

2. Jesus used stories to teach his audience about God and life in God's kingdom.

With many stories like these, he presented his message to them, fitting the stories to their experience and maturity. He was never without a story when he spoke. (Mark 4:33-34 MSG)

3. Hamilton's story tells a story of grace.

"So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." (Luke 15:20 NIV)

Grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us more and there is nothing we can do to make God love us less. (Phillip Yancey)

