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THE PRODIGAL SON IS COMING HOME

LUKE 15:11-32

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Jesus mission on earth:

**“For the Son of Man
came to seek and to
save the lost.”**

**Luke
19:10**



Three stories in this parable



- The story of the younger son
- The story of the father
- The story of the older brother

The unusual, unloving yet legal request

11 “Jesus continued, “There was a man who had two sons.

12 The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So, he divided his property between them.



Luke
15:11-12



**Just because
something is “legal”
doesn’t mean it is
loving.**

**When we make decisions
with no regard for how
others will be impacted, we
are setting ourselves up for
a setback.**



“Honor your father and your mother, that your days maybe long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”



**Exodus
20:12**



**“Not long after that,
the younger son got
together all he had, set
off for a distant
country and there
squandered his wealth
in wild living.**



**Luke
15:13**

Three reckless choices:



1. He chose to dishonor his father.
2. He chose the far country.
3. He chose to squander what he had graciously been given.



“When our will and our pleasure are more important than the people in our lives, we need to check ourselves because we might be headed for a setback”



“After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.”



**Luke
15:14**

The “far country” simply represents a life that is separated from the life that God has for us.



**“Sin takes you farther
than you want to go
and keeps you longer
than you want to stay.”**



“He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.”



**Luke
15:16**

The realization



**“When he came to his senses,
he said, ‘How many of my
father’s hired servants have
food to spare, and here I am
starving to death!**

**Luke
15:17**



“God’s grace and provision are never far away from us.”

The repentance



“I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.”

**Luke
15:18**

The repentance



“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

**Romans
3:23**

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”

**1 John
1:9-10**





‘True repentance begins when a man complains of nobody but himself.’

The return



“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**

5 “In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;



**Phil
2:5-6**

7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!



**Phil
2:7-8**

**God made him who had
no sin to be sin for us,
so that in him we might
become the
righteousness of God.”**

**2 Cor
5:21**



**“The son said to him,
‘Father, I have sinned
against heaven and
against you. I am no
longer worthy to be
called your son.’”**



**Luke
15:21**

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.’”



**Luke
15:22**

23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.



**Luke
15:23-24**

24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate."

“Life with God is the ultimate party life, and it is the kind of life that gives us life abundant instead of the kind of life the world offers that leads to lonely regret.”



The reaction



**“My son,” the father said,
‘you are always with me,
and everything I have is
yours.**

**Luke
15:31**

**“The ultimate
COMEBACK is when
a person COMES
BACK to the Lord.”**



Key takeaways



1. He Everything we need is in the father's house.

2. The love of God is so great to save us whenever we realize our faults and return sincerely to Him.



Pray with us

For “whoever calls on
the name of the Lord
shall be saved.”

ROMANS 10:13



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