

**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



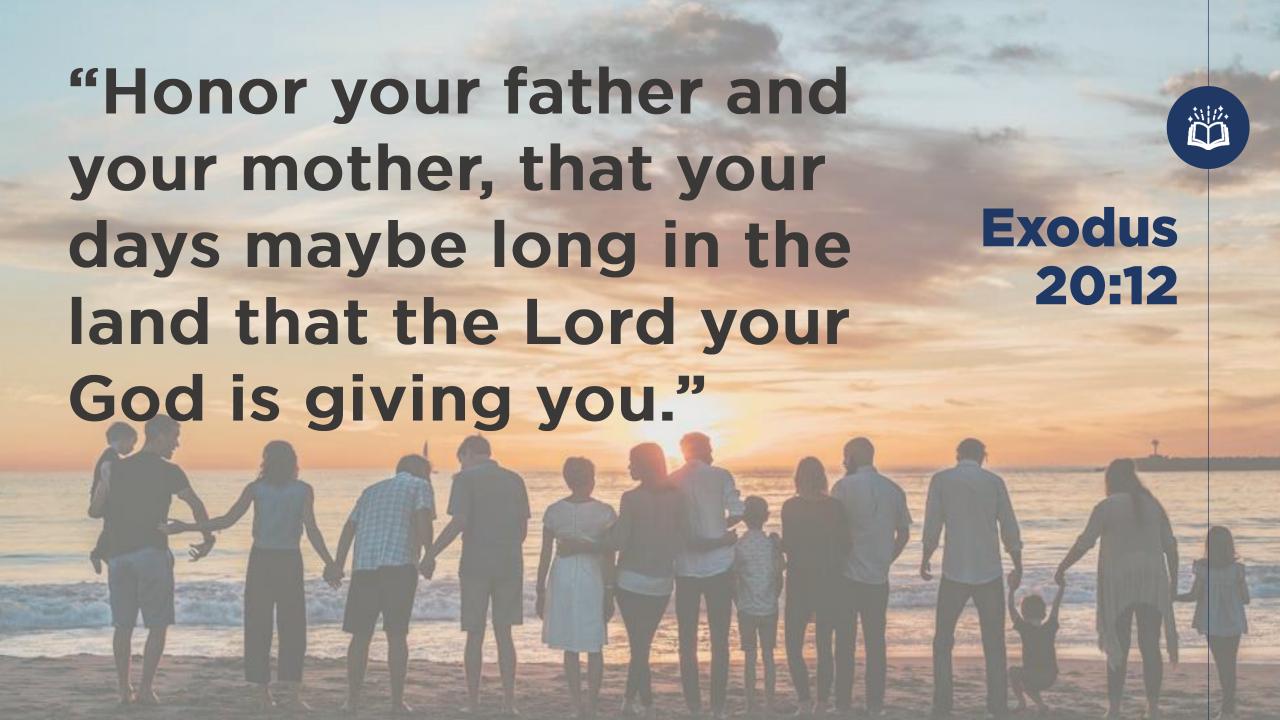


Just because something is "legal" doesn't mean it is loving.



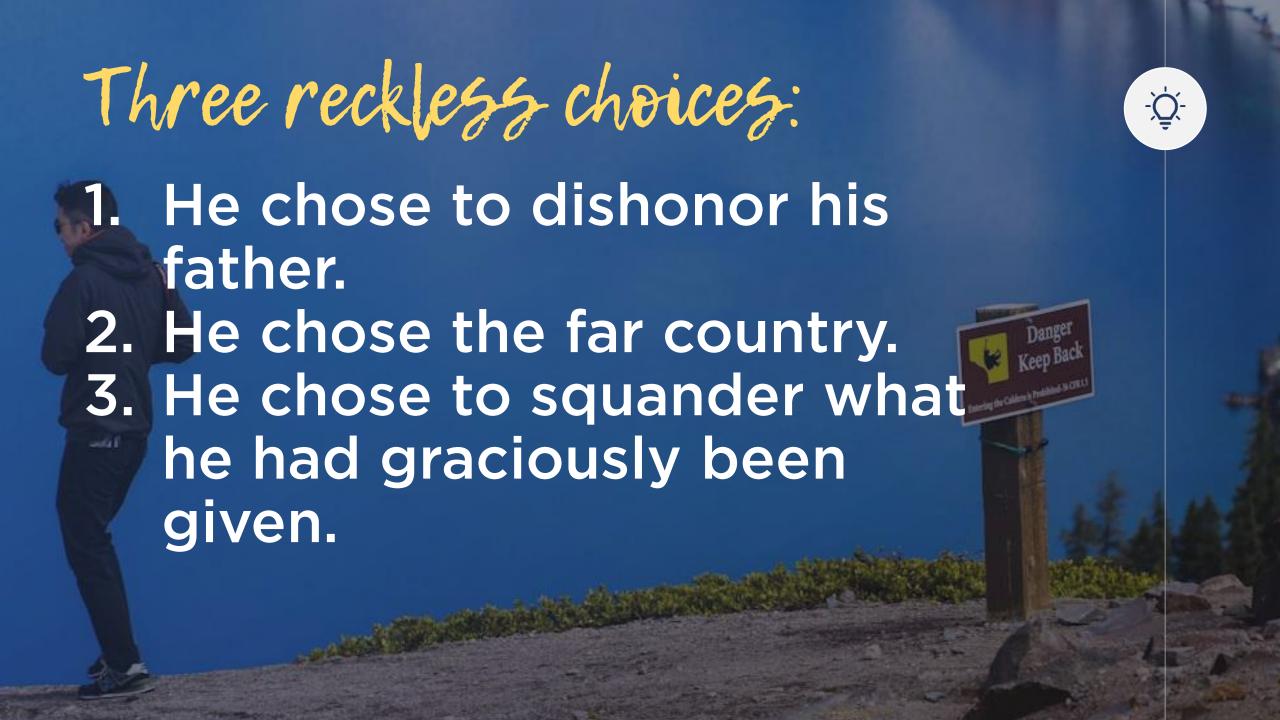
When we make decisions with no regard for how others will be impacted, we are setting ourselves up for a setback.

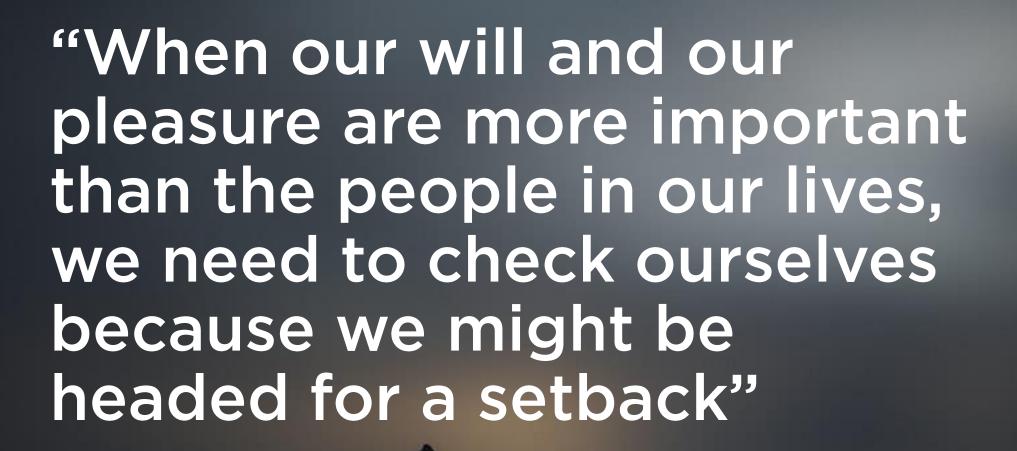




"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.







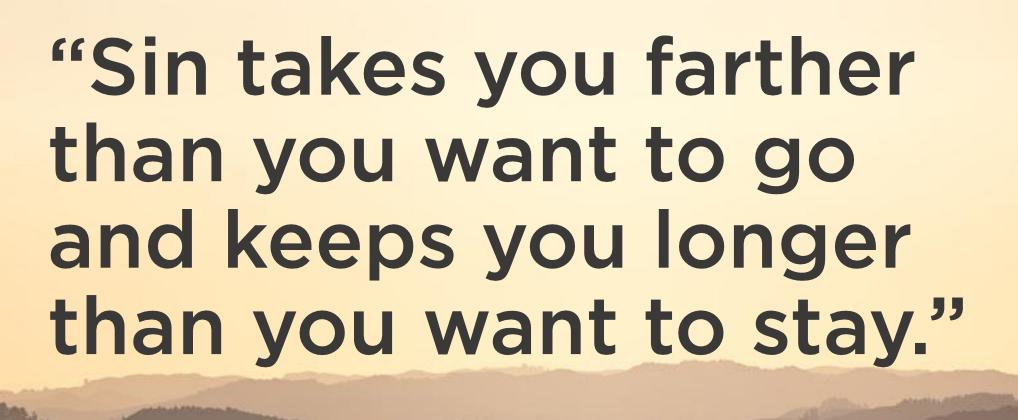


"After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need."











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



#### 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!



# "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."

#### 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.

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



Phil 2:5-6

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

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."



"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."



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

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



Luke 15:23-24

"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.

### "The ultimate COMEBACK is when a person COMES BACK to the Lord."





# "God's main agenda is to celebrate our return!"

## Key takeanays



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

