

## Jesus Tells the Parable of a Father and His Two Sons (Luke 15:11-32) #2

### 1. The Younger Son Leaves His Father and Home and Lives a Reckless Life

#### 2. The Younger Son Comes to His Senses

##### a. His \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>17</sup> "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

- Sin is stupidity. Righteousness is rational.
- Of his father's well-fed day laborers – worst situation at home
  - Rejected the structure – now wishes for it
- Of his own starving condition – best situation staying
  - A limited opportunity to respond – starving
  - Reality of his situation – perishing

Are you aware of your situation, your need, your sinful state? Have you considered the wastefulness of your chosen paths? Any path of sin is eternally wasteful.

##### b. His \_\_\_\_\_ (Decision)

<sup>18</sup> 'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, <sup>19</sup> "and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."

- His Planned Actions
  - I will go [long way away, with nothing]
  - I will say
- His Planned Confessions
  - I have sinned against God (1st) and you (5th)
  - I am no longer worthy (TRUE)
    - Legally abandoned his family
    - Financially exhausted his inheritance
    - Relationally rejected his family
- His Planned Plea
  - Hire me as a wage-earner (paid each day)

Have you repented? Have you decided to follow Jesus rather than the foolishness of your own reasoning and sin?

##### c. His \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>20</sup> "And he arose and came to his father.

- He arose
- He went

Have you acted on your belief or are you still sitting with the pigs?

### 3. The Penitent Younger Son Returns Home to a Compassionate Father

#### a. The Father \_\_\_\_\_ His Son

But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

- Sees his son at a distance (looking)
  - Not searching (unlike sheep or coin)
  - Helping in sin is helping to remain in sin
  - Return is required
- Has compassion on him (loving)
- Runs to him (prevents rejection by others)
  - He initiates the reunion
  - In the humble condition of the son
- Falls on his neck
- Kisses him fervently

#### b. The Son \_\_\_\_\_ to His Father

<sup>21</sup> "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

- [Father interrupts before he states his plea]

#### c. The Father \_\_\_\_\_ His Son (grace)

<sup>22</sup> "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put [it] on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on [his] feet. <sup>23</sup> 'And bring the fatted calf here and kill [it], and let us eat and be merry;

- Tells his slaves to act quickly
- Issues 5 commands (has right over elder son's property)
  - **Bring out** a first robe
  - **Cloth** him (dignity)
  - **Give**
    - A ring for his hand (family identity)
    - Sandals for the feet (luxury)
  - **Bring** the fattened calf
  - **Kill** [the fatted calf]
- Shares the cause

#### d. The Father \_\_\_\_\_ His Response

<sup>24</sup> 'for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'

- My son was being dead and resurrected
- My son was being lost and was found (how? Passive...)

Some sinful choices we make can functionally break our relationships with others. Repentance may restore relationships with others. Repentance will restore our relationship with God.

#### e. The Celebration \_\_\_\_\_ ("And they began to be merry.")