

Luke 15:11-32

11 And He said, "A man had two sons.  
 12 The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.' So he divided his wealth between them.  
 13 And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living.  
 14 Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be impoverished.  
 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.  
 16 And he would have gladly filled his stomach with the pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving *anything* to him.  
 17 But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger!  
 18 I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight;  
 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men."  
 20 So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion *for him*, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.  
 21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'  
 22 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet;  
 23 and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;  
 24 for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate.  
 25 "Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.  
 26 And he summoned one of the servants and *began* inquiring what these things could be.  
 27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and sound.'  
 28 But he became angry and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and *began* pleading with him.  
 29 But he answered and said to his father, 'Look! For so many years I have been serving you and I have never neglected a command of yours; and *yet* you have never given me a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends;  
 30 but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.'  
 31 And he said to him, 'Son, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours.  
 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and *has begun* to live, and *was* lost and has been found."

**Matthew 23:23-24**

23 **"Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.**  
 24 **You blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!**

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## WELCOME

We would like to welcome and thank each of you here today. If you are visiting we give you a special warm welcome and would invite you back. If you are visiting we would also ask if you would remain after services a brief moment so we might get the chance of meeting you and welcoming you here in person. Again Welcome!

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Many lessons have been taught about the prodigal son. Especially about the father's love. The wayward son and how he came to his senses. Not much is talked about the older brother. What happened to him? How did it end for him. We don't know the parable ends with a decision. There were the 2 major opposing groups in His audience when he brought up the Losts. The sheep, coin and son. They were the sinners and the very religious group. He spoke and invited both parties to unite back to God and yet they were in different situations. Lets look closer at Luke chapter 15 today and see how and where we fit in the story. Reminder that scriptures used in today's sermon can be found on the back.

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