



#1 Where Are You Coming From?

THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SONS

Luke 15:1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable...

ACT 1 – THE REBELLIOUS SON

Luke 15:11 And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

Luke 15:17 “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

ACT 2 – THE RESENTFUL BROTHER

Luke 15:25 “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And 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.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

THE CHARACTERS:

A Father... a rebellious younger son... a resentful older brother

THE LESSONS:

1. *There are two kinds of lostness!*
2. The essence of being lost is *using* the Father instead of *loving* the Father
3. The way back to the Father is always through REPENTANCE
4. The compassionate Father stands ready and eager to receive back lost prodigals who come to their senses, truly repent, and humbly return to Him.
5. Being reinstated to sonship cannot be earned, only received
6. The Father is eager to invite ‘older brothers’ into His party, if they will humble themselves, see their own sin, and repent of their self-righteousness
7. Whenever a ‘bad’ or ‘good’ son/daughter repents and returns to the Father, He graciously welcomes them home and celebrates!

THE THIRD SON IN THE STORY...

BIBLE READING PLAN

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