

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"The Day God Ran"
Luke 15:11-32
Study-65

"The Parable of The Lost Son" "The Prodigal Son"

Prodigal: *"Extremely wasteful, reckless, extravagant."*

"The Parable of The Prodigal God" *The story of the Father's extravagant, generous, lavished love upon His sons.*

There are 2 lost sons. **Luke 15:11 And He said, "A certain man had two sons;**

Thought Of Our Passage: "God's Love Seeks Out Those Who Are Willfully Rebellious And Those In Blindness Resulting From Self-Righteousness."

1. Verses 11-24 The Younger Brother

2. Verses 25-32 The Elder Brother

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Luke 15:11 And He said, - The context of this parable is that Jesus is being grumbled against because of His love for the lost sinners.

Luke 15:1-3

"A man - This man and Father is God the Father!

had two sons; That is what this parable is all about. It is 2 sons. The 2 lost sons.

The Younger Son – Non-Religious sinner; was lost in a faraway country. Who repents (Self-Inflected Sin, Rebellion against God, **(Unrighteous).**

The Elder Son - Religious Lost and never left home **(Self-Righteous)**

Luke 15:12

Destructiveness of Sin: 'Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.'

"Father, I wish you were dead! I want what is coming to me and you are in the way, so that I can get on with living!"

So he divided his wealth between them. Deuteronomy 21:17 (Younger 1/3 Eldest 2/3) Notice that the Father is now giving an inheritance to both the sons.

Luke 15:13 "And not many days later,

The younger son thought about it before he took off.

the younger son gathered everything together - *"Cashed in his assets."* He sold land that was their identity them as a family, their name!

and went on a journey into a distant country, "To Find Himself!"

Self-Centeredness of Sin: and there he squandered his estate with loose living. We would say a party animal. **Verse 30 "Prostitution"**

The point is the offense against Father/God.

Luke 15:14 High Cost Of Sin: "Now when he had spent everything, (Sin is expensive business, marriage, family, friends, reputation, morals and standards.)

a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be impoverished. (Perfect Storm No money, Now A Famine)

Luke 15:15 "So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, - The term **hired:** *"Attached, glued."* Which means that he became a servant to a gentile. **he sent him into his fields to feed swine. Leviticus 11:7 (No Work)**

Luke 15:16 he would have gladly filled his stomach with the pods Carob pod's.

that the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him.
The World will not meet our needs!

What people call freedom is really bondage.

Luke 15:17 "But when he came to his senses, (Repentance) – *"Change of mind about oneself and turning to God"*) What was it that brought him to this place? Emptiness!

'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! It was the Father's care and generosity that really hit the son.

Luke 15:18 'I will get up and go to my father
To not go is to have remorse, to return is repentance!

"Father, I have sinned against heaven, (term for "God") and in your sight; Confession of our sin to God. Notice; **I have sinned** - This is so refreshing to hear. **(Mourning over sin, what he has done!)**

Coming to our senses is to see that we have sinned against His will (Word) and Him.

Luke 15:19 "I am no longer worthy to be called your son; (True Repentance)

Purpose Of The Returning Son Was To Be An Obedient Servant: make me as one of your hired men." This son has finally seen himself! **(Father accepted him as a servant and a son)**

Luke 15:20 "So he got up and came to his father. The son actually got up and did the right thing. God seeks, but man has to come back! Human responsibility.

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, - The Father knew about the lost sheep, the lost coin, and here He saw the son. He saw a broken son coming home!

and felt compassion for him, (Gut-Wrenched)

and ran - This is not a dignified thing for an old father to run. A father would wait to have his son speak first before making a move. Not our God, because He is compassionate.

and embraced him, and kissed him. - *"Threw his arms around him and kissed him, again, and again, and again."* **the Father ran to greet him.**

Luke 15:21 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' He confesses his sin against the Father's will and Him.

Verse 22 Restoration:

Sign of Acceptance: 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, - This would be a long robe reaching to the feet, worn by kings.

Sign of Authority and Trust: and put a ring on his hand - Symbolic of sonship, it would be the family ring that was a signet ring.

Sign of a Free Man: and sandals on his feet; This speaks of sonship because slaves that were bound were barefooted, it also speaks of a new walk.

Luke 15:23 and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; This was done on special occasions; when a calibration was in order.

God celebrates Over The Lost Being Found: let us eat and celebrate; Lost sheep – Rejoice! Lost – coin –Rejoice! Lost-son-Rejoice!

Luke 15:24 for this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; That separation from the Father is death. There is no fellowship, no purpose.

he was lost, and has been found.' The lost sheep was found by the shepherd, the lost coin by the woman, the lost son returned to the Father. **And they began to celebrate.**

2. Verses 25-32 The Elder Brother

Luke 15:25 "Now this is not a **"PS" To The Story! It is the main point of the story!**

his older son was in the field, - The scene of the religious leaders that have been as they thought faithfully serving God in the field.

and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. Luke 15:7

Luke 15:26 This was a sad question. Here is a son that should have known what rejoicing was.

Luke 15:27-28 "But he became angry, - *"Swelling, settled anger like sap that rises in a tree on a hot day, boiling."* **and was not willing to go in; (Insult to his father)** This was exactly what the religious did at Jesus receiving sinners. **Luke 15:1-2**

The mercy/grace of God reaches out also to the self-righteous: and his father came out and began pleading with him. *"Came and encouraged him again, and again to join the celebration."*)

Luke 15:29

Younger brother - had been far from the father (distant country) sins of flesh – (passion):

Elder brother - was separated from the father by the sins of spirit (Attitude) further from the father and never left the farm!

For so many years I have been serving you, or better said, *Slaving for you! Relationship of Works!*) **and I have never neglected a command of yours;** I have been perfect!

**"The elder brother left the father without ever leaving the farm."
Pride**

**and yet you have never given me a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends;
His heart was out of sync with the Father's heart!**

Luke 15:30 but when this son of yours came, (What's his face) He is not my brother.

who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.' How could this man be part of the family after all that he has done? **Sonship was based on performance, self-focused!**

Luke 15:31 'Son, you have always been with me, the Jewish religious leaders that had the Scriptures, the feasts, the presence of God with them.

"He who fails to recognize himself fails to recognize God."

and all that is mine is yours. When we have a relationship with God, we are joint heirs. **Romans 8:17**

Luke 15:32 'But we had to celebrate (Necessity) **and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.'**" (Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Now Lost Son)

Application:

1. God Seeks The Lost. It Is God's Joy And Delight To Save Sinners. God Is The Shepherd, The Woman That Lost A Coin, And The Father That Lost Both Sons.
2. The Lost Are Hopelessly Lost Unless God Intervenes. The Lost Son Came To His Senses Through God Allowing Emptiness And Suffering Of Want.
3. The Way Of Salvation Is Exclusively Through Repentance, A Change Of Mind.
4. Are We In A Distant Country Like The Younger Son Because Of Rebellion? Or Are We Like The Older Son As The Result Of Our Blindness?