



PARABLES:

Stories for Life

Luke 15:11-32

BIG QUESTION: Which son are you more like?

Parables:

- 1) Have a specific **CONTEXT**
- 2) Challenge the **STATUS QUO**
- 3) Teach **TRUTH**

"And he said, 'There was a man who had two sons'..."

One son rejects his father's love by outward **REBELLION** and the other rejects his father's love with inward **RESENTMENT**.

What does the father do in verses 20 & 28?

The faithful, forgiving **FATHER**
is the main character of the parable

➔ 1. The **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." (20)

"His father came out and entreated him." (28)

GOD is the faithful, forgiving Father in the parable.

➔ 2. The **YOUNGER BROTHER**

The younger brother becomes separated from his father due to his **PRIDE**.

The younger son basically said, "I wish you were dead..."

The prodigal completely severed himself from the father and from God's people.

"Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay." Adrian Rogers

➡ 3. The ELDER BROTHER

The older brother becomes separated from his father due to his PRIDE.

"The Lord resists the proud; but he gives grace to the humble." Proverbs 3:34

THE GOOD NEWS OF THIS PARABLE IS THAT NO MATTER WHERE YOU CURRENTLY FIND YOURSELF, LIVING OUT IN THE FAR COUNTRY OR STANDING OUTSIDE THE CELEBRATION, THERE IS A FAITHFUL, FORGIVING FATHER WAITING TO RECEIVE YOU IF ONLY YOU WILL HUMBLE YOURSELF, TURN AWAY FROM YOUR SIN, AND COME TO HIM.