

I Am A Son Notes
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John 14:18 (NLT) - “I will not abandon you as orphans-I will come to you”.

Luke 15:11-24 (NIV) - Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, give me my share of the estate. So, he divided his property between them. “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So, he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So, he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So, they began to celebrate.

Your Identity Never Changes

‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’

Forgotten Identity Leads to a time of need.

The enemy’s strategy has always been identity theft.

1 John 3:1 (NLT) - See how very much our father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don’t recognize that we are God’s children because they don’t know him.

The Road Home Begins When Identity is Remembered

“And when he came to himself.”

Identity Restored Begins While We’re Still A Long Way Off

“While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him.”

The Fathers Blessing Brought Restoration

Robe = Covering

Ring = Authority

Sandals = Freedom