

Some Things That The Prodigal Son Discovered

Luke 15:1-3

Then drew near unto him all the **publicans** and **sinner**s for to hear him.

² And the **Pharisees** and **scribes** murmured, saying, This man receives sinners, and eats with them. ³ And He spoke this parable unto them, saying,

Luke 15

Luke 15 is one story about lostness.

The Sheperd's Joy

A lost sheep	100
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The Woman's Joy

A lost sheep	100
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A lost coin	10
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The Father's Joy

A lost sheep	100
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A lost coin	10
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A lost son	2
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Luke 15:11

And he said, A certain man had two sons:

A Boy at the Door

Behind him: a father's love

Before him: a world of promises

I. The Deception of Sin

Luke 15:12

And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me. And he divided unto them his living.

Luke 15:13

And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

1) Home Seemed Undesirable

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His heart wandered
before his feet did.

2) Freedom, Looked Like Unrestraint

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He wanted the father's gifts
without the father's guidance.

3) Wastefulness Seemed Like Fun

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Sin offers pleasure
but it conceals consequences.

2. The Despair in the Far Country

Luke 15:14

And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

Luke 15:15

And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

Luke 15:16

And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat, and no man gave unto him.

1) His Substance, Ran Out

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Sin consumed the Substance
his father had provided.

2) His Situations Grew Desperate

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His foolish choices left him
unprepared for his troubles.

3) His Surroundings Offered No Help

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The "far country" could not provide the love he had left behind.

3. The Desire for Repentance

Luke 15:17

And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

Luke 15:18

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

Luke 15:19

And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

1) He Recognized His Condition

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He stopped defending
what was destroying him.

2) He Remembered His Father's Care

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What he once dismissed,
he now desired.

3) He Resolved to Return and Confess

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Repentance turns the heart
toward God.

4. The Decision Required Him to Return

Luke 15:20

And he arose and came to his father.

1) He Acted on What He Knew

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Good intention alone would have left him where he was.

2) He Left the Place of His Rebellion

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Repentance has a direction.

3) He Came as He Was

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He brought his need and his confession to the one who could help.

5. The Depth of His Father's Love For Him

Luke 15:20

But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

Luke 15:21

And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

1) His Father Saw Him

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He was a great way off,
but he was still seen.

2) His Father Had Compassion

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The returning son
received mercy.

3. His Father Ran and Hugged Him

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The father's love exceeded the son's expectations.

6. Oh, The Delight of Being Restored

Luke 15:22

But the father said to his servants,
Bring forth the **best robe**, and put
it on him; and put **a ring** on his
hand, and **shoes** on his feet:

Luke 15:23

And bring here the **fatted calf**, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

Luke 15:24

For this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. And they began to be merry.

1) An Honorable Welcome

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The father welcomed him
as a son.

2) Restored Fellowship

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The hungry son returned to his father's table.

3) A Reason for Rejoicing

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When someone comes home,
the church ought to rejoice.

Where Are You This Morning?

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- Dissatisfied at home?

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- Empty in the far country?

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- Dissatisfied at home?
- Empty in the far country?
- Ready to return?

You Are Invited

If you are in the far country
You can come home today.

Luke 15:18

I will arise and go to my father,
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and before thee,

You are Responsible for Where You Are.

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- Get Up.

You are Responsible for Where You Are.

- Get Up.
- Come Home.

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- Trust the Father's Welcome.