

# THE PARABLES OF JESUS

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Bible study for the week starting September 12, 2021  
Parables of Jesus: The Prodigal Son

## SHARE

1. Saturday was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11/2001. Share your experience from that day, and the impact it had on your faith in the short- and long-term.

## READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Read Psalm 46. This was one of the go-to psalms following 9/11. Look at the themes. What is and isn't promised by our God?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. It seems like every time we want to compare someone to a moder-day Pharisee, we're usually talking about someone else and not ourselves. Yet, when I reflect, I think about how I make some of my personal preferences non-negotiable absolutes. How do these things work their way into the Christian Church in 2021. (For every time someone throws a dart at how someone else is doing this instead of *themselves*, feel free to cut them off with either the word "pot" or "kettle." 😊)
4. Read Luke 15:11-32. Has the way you hear the parable of the Prodigal Son changed over the years and as you've aged or grown in life experience? What about the character(s) with whom you most closely identify?
5. Has it helped to read through these parables in context as we've been preaching our way through Luke? When you string them all together, what clear picture of who God is and the nature of His kingdom are you getting? Feel free to look around Luke 13, 14, 15, 16 for context.

## PRAY FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

6. Share what's going on in your lives and pray for these joys and needs.

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Luke 15:11-32

September 12, 2021 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

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The family rejoices when one brother **RETURNS** home.

“Have it **YOUR** way.”

What would have happened if the older brother had spotted him **FIRST**?

The word of the day is **“COMPASSION.”**

We want it **OUR** way, but those things are all negotiable if the call to **SAVE** souls is strong enough.

My [childish] takeaway was, “He should have just stayed **HOME.**”

Both sons received **PATIENCE.**