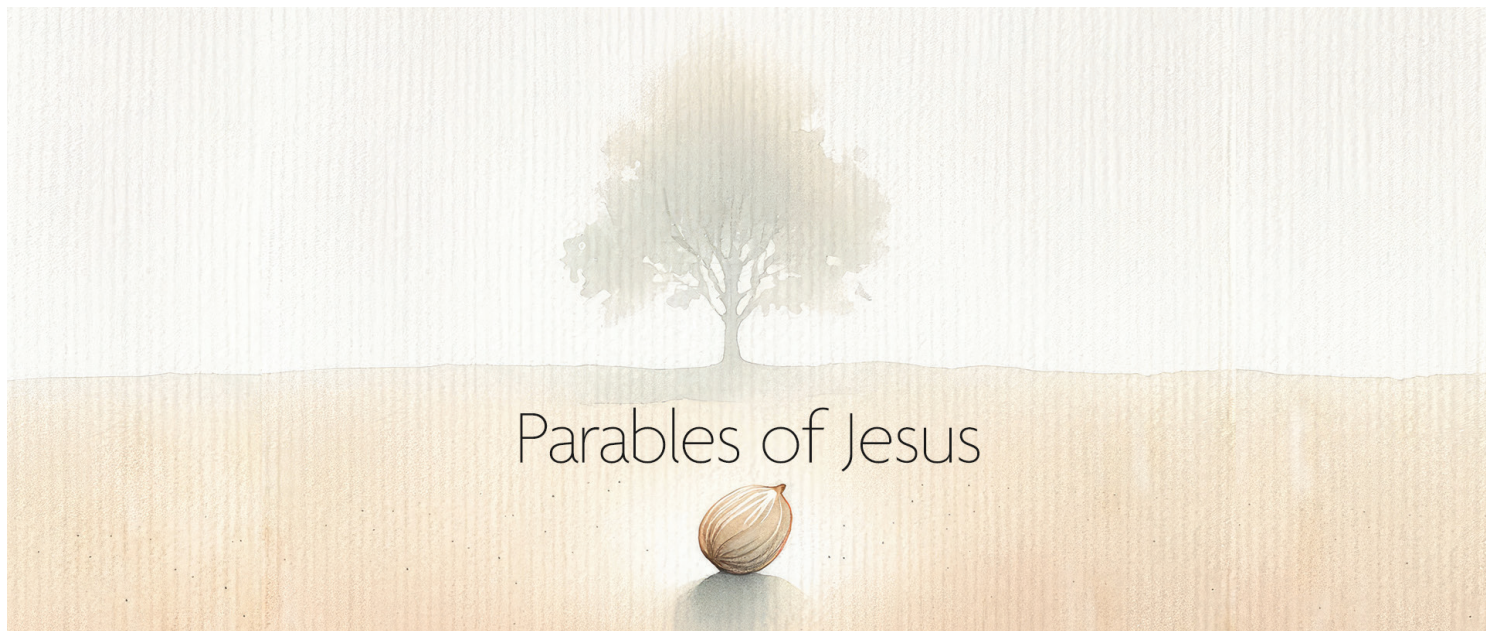




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READ

Read Luke 15:11-32 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

EXAMINE

- What sticks out when you hear this parable?
- What does this passage reveal about the character and heart of God?
- How does this parable demonstrate the nature of the gospel? How would you explain the gospel according to this story?
- What is the significance of the story being left on a cliffhanger? Why do you think Jesus does not recount the reply of the older brother?
- What does this parable reveal about “lostness”?

APPLY

- Which brother do you see more of yourself in, the older or younger? Why?
- The younger brother rehearsed his speech only to have it interrupted by his gracious father. How does this impact the way we return to the Father after we sin? What can we learn about repentance from this passage?
- How does this parable inform the way the church should think about and interact with “younger brothers”? What might it look like to celebrate the salvation of these individuals?
- How does this parable inform the way the church should think about and interact with “older brothers”? What might it look like to celebrate the salvation of these individuals?
- What is the importance of joy within Christianity according to this parable? How can we be a church of joyful people?

PRAY

- Take time to praise God for who He is, confess sins, and/or make requests based on this passage.

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