

## The Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, the Lost Son

Luke 15:1-32

### Introduction:

#### 1. Series Intro:

- Parables: A earthly story with a Heavenly meaning. Each story contains Biblical truth. Jesus taught using over 40 parables. He was a master at taking material things in this world to teach us about God and about the kingdom of God.
- The goal of this series is to teach us about God and the kingdom of God.

#### 2. **Luke 15:1-32** Commentary

#### 3. **We deserved judgment, but Jesus gives us grace.**

##### I. **The response of the Father - V. 22**

- He did not have to pay his financial debt social debt
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- Christ absorbed all our debt to welcome us home!

##### II. **The heart of the Father - V. 20**

1. **Compassion!** We first see the compassion of the Father in verse 1. A bunch of sinners came around Him. Jesus attracted sinners. Somewhere down the road, we started thinking that we have to stay so far away from sinners, but that is not the way that Jesus lived.
2. The second time we saw compassion was when the son comes home. This word comes from the Greek word - Splagma. It is a Greek word meaning an inward emotion. In other words,

the word implies that this was the gut response of Jesus in the presence of sin.

- **The Father ran to the son** - V. 20
  - **The Father accepted the son** - V. 20, 22
  - **The father forgave the son** - V. 22
3. **Romans 5:6-8** - "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
  4. During our sin, Christ showed compassion to us by running to us, by accepting us, and by forgiving us.

##### III. **The gifts of the Father - V. 22**

1. "My son was dead but is now alive." This is significant. It is signifying a new life has begun for those who have experienced grace.
  - **The Father gives his son the best robe** - The best robe would have belonged to the Father. So, he was giving his son his own garment.
  - **The Father gives his son a ring** - The ring signified authority. This was a sign that he was considered a son again.
  - **The Father gives his son some sandals** - Sandals were a sign of wealth. Servants did not wear sandals in the house, only servants did.

2. Not only did the Father withhold judgment, He gave Him gifts.
3. This is what happens at Salvation. He withholds judgment from us and gifts us a new life, a new name, and a new place in the kingdom.

Conclusion:

1. **Prodigals** – I want yall to come back. Not because we are mad at you. God is not even mad at you. He is heartbroken over you, but let me tell you this. When you come home, we aren't going to hold a bunch of your wrongs over your head, because we are not the older brother. We are going to throw a party for you. We are going to celebrate you.
2. **To the older brothers** – Let me say this, it is not about what you have done. Stop acting and living as though you deserve the grace of God because you don't. Remain faithful and walk with God, because when you focus on that, you will be happy, not angry when your brother or sister comes home.
3. Pray and let the spirit lead.