



The Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32

1. An _____ for the World

In resolute rejection of his father, the younger son takes his inheritance and turns his heart to the world. He went as far from his father as possible.

John 12:25 ~ "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."

2. _____ through Suffering

The party was over. His wealth squandered, his life a wreck, the younger son of his father fell to the lowest possible state. Praise God for suffering, for it was then he woke up!

2 Corinthians 7:10 ~ For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

3. _____ from the Father

The father never failed to watch for his son. He hoped, even longed for, the return of his wayward child. And when the son returned, the father was quick to run to him and receive him again.

Luke 19:9-10 ~ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

4. The _____ of the Brother

Though he never left the property, the elder son was just as lost as the younger. Despite a lifetime of religious servitude, he did not love his father and had no compassion for his brother.

Romans 10:3 ~ For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

Titus 3:4-5a

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy.



The Prodigal Son Additional Scripture References (And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

2 Timothy 4:10

For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

1 John 2:15

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Acts 2:37

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Jeremiah 5:3

O Lord, do not your eyes look for truth? You have struck them down, but they felt no anguish; you have consumed them, but they refused to take correction. They have made their faces harder than rock; they have refused to repent.

Ezekiel 34:16

I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

Acts 26:18

...to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."

John 15:25

"But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: 'They hated me without a cause.'"

James 3:14

But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

Isaiah 38:17

Behold, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but in love you have delivered my life from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back.