

FATHER'S DAY 2026

Coming Home

- ❖ He tells this story to reveal the heart of the Father.
- ❖ Luke 15 begins with sinners and tax collectors drawing near to Jesus.
- ❖ The people everybody else pushed away were drawing near to Jesus.

Luke 15:2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

- They were offended by the grace of Jesus.

So Jesus tells three stories: A lost sheep. A lost coin. A lost son.

1. The sheep is lost because it wanders.
2. The coin is lost because it is misplaced.
3. But the son is lost because he chooses rebellion.

Luke 15:11-12 11 And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said

to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them.

- This is not a small request.
- He is rejecting his father.
- Inheritances are given at death.

Luke 15:13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

- Be careful what you wish for.
- Sin is deceptive. It costs more than it promises.
- The country looked better from far than it was in reality.
- He spent everything, a famine came and he was in need.
- Abandoned by his friends, no resources.
- He works to raise pigs.
- Bottom of the barrel job.

- This far country isn't just a place, but the condition of his heart.

Luke 15:17-19 17 “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’

- Sometimes God's grace is allowing you to hit the bottom to come to your senses.
- This is what repentance looks like.

Luke 15:20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

- Why does the father run to the son?
- Kezazah – cutting off

- This was done when someone had left home, rejected the community's principles, lost all his or her possessions to the gentiles, and then returned.
- The villagers would break pottery at the feet of the individual, symbolizing that they were no longer in community with the returning person.
- Before anyone could reject him, the father runs to him.

Luke 15:22-24 22 But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

- Christianity is not the story of servants working their way into the house.
- It is the story of sons and daughters being brought home by grace.