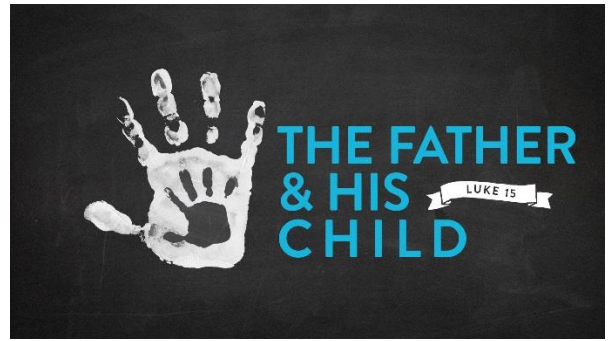


The Father & His Child

Series: Kingdom Motifs

Scripture: Luke 15:11-24



1. We Meet A Rebellious Son (11-16)

- a. He had an entitled spirit (11-12) - "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. "
- b. He held an indulgent appetite (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."
- c. He had an unforeseen crisis (14) - "And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need."
- d. He hit a rock-bottom moment (15-16) - "So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16 And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything."

2. We Witness A Defining Moment (17-20a)

- a. A moment of realization (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!'"
- b. A moment of decision (18a) - "I will arise and go to my father..."
- c. A moment of confession (18b-19) - "... and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."
- d. A moment of action (20a) - "And he arose and came to his father."

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3. We Behold An Amazing Welcome (20b-24)

- a. The distance is mentioned (20b) - "But while he was still a long way off..."
- b. The devotion is mentioned (20c) - "...his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him." **looking, leaping, loving**
- c. The degradation is mentioned (21) - "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'"
- d. The desire is mentioned (22-23) - "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. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.'"

Far from being on probation - the child was celebrated!

- i. A robe to cover his shame
- ii. A ring for hands that worked awful sin
- iii. Shoes for feet that ran away from home
- e. The delight is mentioned (24) - "For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate."