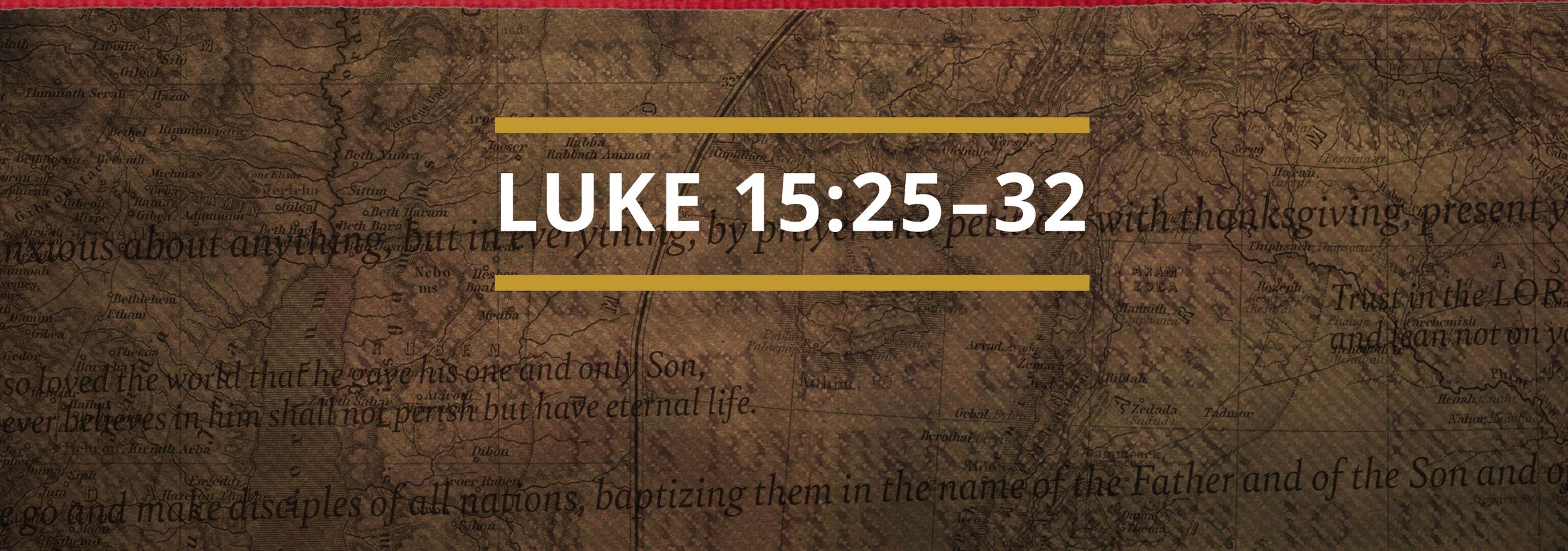




I AM THE OLDER BROTHER



²⁵ Now his older son was in the field; as he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he summoned one of the servants, questioning what these things meant. ²⁷ "Your brother is here," he told him, "and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound."

LUKE 15:25-32

²⁸ Then he became angry and didn't want to go in.
So his father came out and pleaded with him.

²⁹ But he replied to his father, "Look, I have been
slaving many years for you, and I have never
disobeyed your orders, yet you never gave me
a goat so that I could celebrate with my friends.

³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has
devoured your assets with prostitutes, you
slaughtered the fattened calf for him."

LUKE 15:25-32

³¹ “Son,” he said to him, “you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.”

LUKE 15:25-32

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¹¹ ...“A man had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the estate I have coming to me.’ So he distributed the assets to them.

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¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all he had and traveled to a distant country, where he squandered his estate in foolish living.

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¹⁴ After he had spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he had nothing. ¹⁵ Then he went to work for one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

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¹⁶ He longed to eat his fill from the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one would give him anything. ¹⁷ When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food, and here I am dying of hunger!

LUKE 15

¹⁸ I'll get up, go to my father, and say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. ¹⁹ I'm no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired workers.'

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²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. But while the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him.

INDICATORS THAT I MIGHT BE THE OLDER BROTHER?

1. The joy of fellowship has been replaced with a sense of slavery. (v. 29)

²⁹ But he replied to his father, 'Look, I have been slaving many years for you, and I have never disobeyed your orders...

INDICATORS THAT I MIGHT BE THE OLDER BROTHER?

**2. My outward indignation is merely a cover
of my inward envy. (v. 30)**

³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.'