

Parable of the Prodigal
Part One: Luke 15, Father & Younger Brother

Luke 15:1-2 gives us the setting of the parable

The two-fold complaint of the Pharisees is that Jesus receives and eats with sinners.

The theme of the three parables in Luke 15 is “The Joy of the lost being found.”

The actions of the younger brother reveal the depths of his sin and selfishness.

By requesting his share of the inheritance he reveals that he literally can't wait until his dad is dead.

The consequences of his actions catch up with him.

In the moment of his despair he remembers the generosity of his father.

He devises a plan to get out of the situation he is in.

Jesus reveals God's Never Stopping, Never Giving Up, Un-breaking, Always and Forever Love through the Father.

The father loves sacrificially and extravagantly, so that we would see the heart of our Heavenly Father.

God is our Heavenly Father Who Loves With A Never Stopping, Never Giving Up, Un-breaking, Always and Forever Love

“We have this for a foundational truth, that there is more mercy in Christ than sin in us.” -
Richard Sibbes, The Bruised Reed

God demonstrates the depth of his mercy and the span of His grace through the Jesus Christ.

To the one who is tempted to give in or walk away:

1. Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.
2. Let the truth of God's love turn your heart toward Him rather than toward the world.

To the one who is in a hard place:

1. Let the truth about God's love strengthen you for what you are going through.
2. Let the truth of Christ's suffering remind you and comfort you.

To the one who thinks they are too far from God:

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1. Your sin is not greater than God's grace
2. God's love for you is real, and so is the future He promises
3. You don't have to stay in your current situation, you can turn to the Lord and find the home and hope you have always wanted.