

Parable of the Prodigal  
Part Two: Luke 15, Father & Older Brother

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

*“All the tax collectors and sinners were approaching to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and scribes were complaining, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”*

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

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.

The older brother reveals the primary intention of this parable, because he represents the primary audience of the parable- The Pharisees and the Scribes

At the end of the story the father leaves the crowd, like the shepherd left the 99, and goes to find his older son and bring him in.

Jesus’ story demonstrates the same never stopping, never giving up, un-breaking, always and forever love through the father to the older son.

The church is built on younger brothers, and it must guard against becoming a group of older brothers.

A church that reaches their neighbors is characterized by selflessness, celebration, and satisfaction.

God finds joy in every sinner who repents

The churches greatest joy is found through joining God in His pursuit of the lost