

*The Scandalous
Love of God*

MOTHER'S DAY | BUDDY OWENS

Luke 15:11-24

There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, “Father, give me my share of the estate.” So he divided his property between them.

Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

When he came to his senses, he said, “How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to

my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men." So he got up and went to his father.

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son."

But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate."

PRODIGAL = exceedingly generous, lavishly wasteful

ROBE = identity

RING = authority

SANDALS = dignity

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God. And that is
what we are!

1 JOHN 3:1 NIV

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LUKE 15:20-21 NIV

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

ROMANS 5:8 NIV

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 NIV

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:9 NIV

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

JOHN 3:16 NKJV

From the very beginning God decided that those who came to him
—and all along he knew who would—should become like his Son.

ROMANS 8:29 TLB

He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion.

PHILIPPIANS 1:6 NIV