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AUGUST 19TH AT CROSSBRIDGE CHURCH!

1. [Group] Lighting Cue!





Luke 15

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Luke 15:1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³ So he told them this parable:

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**People nothing like Jesus,
liked Jesus.**

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**¹¹ And he said, “There was a man who
had two sons.**

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¹¹ And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. 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.

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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. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ 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.

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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! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’”

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²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 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.’ ²² 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. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

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²⁵ “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’

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²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’

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**We must move from consumer
to contributor.**

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SIGNS OF AN OLDER BROTHER HEART

- 1. A sense of entitlement:
“It’s mine - I deserve it”**
- 2. A desire for convenience:
“I need this - I won’t give it up”**



**When the church becomes all about us
and our conveniences we become dull
to the call of God to live on mission and to
serve the needs of others.**



SIGNS OF AN OLDER BROTHER HEART

- 1. A sense of entitlement:
“It’s mine - I deserve it”**
- 2. A desire for convenience:
“I need this - I won’t give it up”**
- 3. Maintaining the status quo:
“I want this - and I was here first”**



**We date the methods,
but we marry the mission.**



ENTREATING OUR INNER OLDER BROTHER



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- 1. Remember our need for grace**



³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

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The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God

Romans 8:16

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ENTREATING OUR INNER OLDER BROTHER

- 1. Remember our need for grace**
- 2. Remember everyone needs grace**



**³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad,
for this your brother was dead,
and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'**



WELCOMING YOUNGER BROTHERS AT CROSSBRIDGE



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- Serve on a team
- Give to fuel the mission
- Invite a friend



**The Gospel can be offensive,
nothing else should be.**

