

Series: Kingdom Come

Sermon Title: The Prodigal Son and Gracious Father

Passage: Luke 15

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Luke 15:1–2 (CSB)

¹All the tax collectors and sinners were approaching to listen to him.

²And the Pharisees and scribes were complaining, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Luke 15:3–7 (CSB)

³So he told them this parable:

⁴“What man among you, who has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open field and go after the lost one until he finds it?

⁵When he has found it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders,

⁶and coming home, he calls his friends and neighbors together, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!’

⁷I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who don’t need repentance.

Luke 15:8–10 (CSB)

⁸“Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?

⁹When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found the silver coin I lost!’

¹⁰I tell you, in the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels over one sinner who repents.”

Luke 15:11–12 (CSB)

¹¹He also said, “A man had two sons.

¹²The 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.

Luke 15:13 (CSB)

¹³Not 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.

Luke 15:14–16 (CSB)

¹⁴After he had spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he had nothing.

¹⁵Then he went to work for one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

¹⁶He longed to eat his fill from the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one would give him anything.

Luke 15:17–19 (CSB)

¹⁷When 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!

¹⁸I’ll get up, go to my father, and say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight.

¹⁹I’m no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired workers.”

Luke 15:20 (CSB)

²⁰So he got up and went to his father.

Luke 15:20 (CSB)

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.

Luke 15:21 (CSB)

²¹The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I’m no longer worthy to be called your son.’

Luke 15:22–24 (CSB)

²²“But the father told his servants, ‘Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

²³Then bring the fattened calf and slaughter it, and let’s celebrate with a feast,

²⁴because this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ So they began to celebrate.

A return is cause for a celebration.

Luke 15:25 (CSB)

²⁵“Now his older son was in the field; as he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.

Luke 15:26 (CSB)

²⁶So he summoned one of the servants, questioning what these things meant.

Luke 15:27 (CSB)

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 15:28 (CSB)

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

Luke 15:29–30 (CSB)

²⁹But 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.

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

Luke 15:31–32 (CSB)

³¹‘Son,’ he said to him, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ”

The Kingdom of God shouldn’t stop growing with you.