

Week One Of Advent
Hope Has A Name... Jesus
Luke 15:11-31



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Hope - A feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen.

To Have Hope Fulfilled, You Must Be Willing To Seek And Know The Fulfillment. Hope Never Fulfilled Is Nothing More Than A Dream.



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Luke 15:11–32

And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. 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. 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. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

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Luke 15:11–32

“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! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ 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. 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.’ 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. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 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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Luke 15:11–32

“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 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.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, 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. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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Hope Misplaced

The Key To Context

- 🕒 Timeline – final journey to Jerusalem

Luke 9:51

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.



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Hope Misplaced

The Key To Context

- 📌 Timeline – final journey to Jerusalem
 - 📌 Luke 9:51
- 📌 Teachings
 - 📌 Going to Jerusalem to die
 - 📌 Cost of discipleship
- 📌 Tensions
 - 📌 Hatred from religion leaders
 - 📌 Confusion with the disciples
- 📌 This chapter
 - 📌 Lost Coin
 - 📌 Lost Sheep



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Hope Misplaced

The Key To Context

Arrogance In Control

- 📌 Dreams and aspirations set on worldly pleasures
- 📌 Decision to leave his father
- 📌 Direction set
 - 📌 Plan put in motion
 - 📌 Far country
 - 📌 Away from his father's presence and influence



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Hope Misplaced

The Key To Context

Arrogance In Control

Ignorance In Control

- ⦿ Abandoning his father's ways
- ⦿ Squandered
- ⦿ Reckless living
- ⦿ Immoral living (vs. 30)



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Hope Misplaced

The Key To Context

Arrogance In Control

Ignorance In Control

Reality In Control

- ⦿ Hard rock bottom
- ⦿ All spent
- ⦿ Severe famine
- ⦿ Began to have need...the first time in his life



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Hope Misplaced

The Key To Context

Arrogance In Control

Ignorance In Control

Reality In Control

Desperation In Control

- ❏ Hire hand to a foreigner
- ❏ Ethic dilemma
 - ❏ Unclean animal care
 - ❏ Hunger kicks in
 - ❏ Desiring even the pig's food
 - ❏ No one would help him
 - ❏ Far from his father's table



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Hope Restored

Recognizing Of Need

- ❏ Brokenness must be acknowledged
- ❏ Understanding a better way
- ❏ Do not neglect the spiritual responsibilities
- ❏ Humility brings clarity
- ❏ A plan must have action that starts with the first step



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Hope Restored

Recognizing Of Need

Reckless Love

- 🔦 But the father
- 🔦 Saw and recognized from far off the son's return
- 🔦 Compassion – loving his son regardless of condition
- 🔦 Ran – unlikely action by an elder father towards son
- 🔦 Embraced – think Jacob and Joseph reunited
- 🔦 Kissed – acceptance without requirements



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Hope Restored

Recognizing Of Need

Reckless Love

Repentance In Action

- 🔦 Understanding the wrong
- 🔦 Understanding the severity of action – God and father
- 🔦 Responsibility for sin
- 🔦 Turning away from sin
- 🔦 Returning to God's plan



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Hope Restored

Recognizing Of Need

Reckless Love

Repentance In Action

Restoration Undeserved

- 💡 But...the father's plan not the son's plan
- 💡 Best robe not just any robe
- 💡 Ring of relationship and responsibility
- 💡 Shoes to walk a new path



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Hope Restored

Recognizing Of Need

Reckless Love

Repentance In Action

Restoration Undeserved

Rejoicing Restoration

- 💡 Special meal... not just any meal
- 💡 Celebration... not deliberation
- 💡 Dead to life... accepting the father's plan
- 💡 Wrong direction... right direction



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Hope Misunderstood

Disheartened Discovery

- ❏ No excitement for his brother's return
- ❏ No consideration of the father's excitement



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Hope Misunderstood

Disheartened Discovery

Disrespectful Display

- ❏ Refusal to go to his father
- ❏ No part in the celebration
 - ❏ Anger
 - ❏ Not compassion
- ❏ Father's desire



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Hope Misunderstood

Disheartened Discovery

Disrespectful Display

Dissatisfied Discipline

- ❏ The elder son lived a disciplined life
 - ❏ Faithful following father's wishes
 - ❏ Living by the rules
 - ❏ Seemly no rewards
- ❏ The younger son received no discipline for wrong
 - ❏ Devoured property
 - ❏ Immoral
 - ❏ Rewarded with celebration



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Hope Misunderstood

Disheartened Discovery

Disrespectful Display

Dissatisfied Discipline

Dad's Delight

- ❏ Clarification for celebration
- ❏ Elder son must choose to celebrate
- ❏ Younger son demonstrates true repentance
- ❏ Receives hope
- ❏ Lost and is now found



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Do You Have A Problem With God's Grace?

Luke 15:1–2

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

