

#### Welcome Back!

"The Prodigal In All Of Us"

Luke 15:11-24

# "The Prodigal In All Of Us"

15 <sup>1</sup> All the tax collectors and sinners were approaching to listen to him.

<sup>2</sup> The Pharisees and scribes were complaining, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable...

Luke 15:1-3

# The way from home

11 "A man had two sons. 12 The 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 15:11-12

#### Whenever I think God owes me...

### The way from home

<sup>13</sup> Not 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 15:13

Whenever I leave my first love...

# The way from home

<sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he had nothing. <sup>15</sup> Then he went to work for one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to eat his fill from the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one would give him anything. Luke 15:14-16

# Whenever I try to fix it myself...

# The way back home

When 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!

Luke 15:17

It takes a miracle

### The way back home

18 I'll get up, go to my father, and say to him,
"Father, I have sinned against heaven and you.
19 I'm no longer worthy to be called your son.
Make me like one of your hired servants." <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father. Luke 15:18-20

# It takes ownership

# The way back home

...his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. <sup>22</sup> 'Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Then bring the fattened calf and slaughter it, and let's celebrate with a feast, <sup>24</sup> because this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' Luke 15:20-24

# It takes grace

