



The Parables of Jesus

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Parable - a short, simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson. It often uses relatable characters and everyday situations to convey a deeper meaning.

Luke 15:1-2

"Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near Jesus to listen to Him. And both the Pharisees and the scribes began to complain, saying, 'This Man receives sinners and eats with them.'"

Luke 15:11

"And He said, 'A man had two sons.'"

THE YOUNGER SON

Luke 15:12-20a

*"The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, **give me** the share of the estate that is coming to me. And so he divided his wealth between them. And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey to a distant country, and there he squandered (wasted) his estate in wild living. Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began doing without. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he longed to have his fill of the carob pods that the pigs were eating, and no one was giving him anything. But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired laborers have more than enough bread, but I am dying here from hunger! I will set out and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; **make me** as one of your hired laborers. So he set out and came to his father.'"*

THE FATHER

Luke 15:20b-24

*“**But when he was still a long way off**, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet; and bring the fattened calf, slaughter it, and let’s eat and celebrate; for **this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.**’ And they began to celebrate.”*

THE OLDER SON

Luke 15:25-32

*“Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things could be. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and sound.’ But he became angry and was not willing to go in; and **his father came out** and began pleading with him. But he answered and said to his father, ‘Look! For so many years **I** have been serving you and **I** have never neglected a command of yours; and yet **you never gave me** a young goat, so that **I** might celebrate with my friends; but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.’ And he said to him, Son, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because **this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.**”*

Where do you find you?