

THE PRODIGAL GOD
We Had To Celebrate
Luke 15:17-32
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Jesus is telling us this parable so we can understand how grace changes our individual lives, and how it creates a unique human society.

I. The Human Condition

<u>Garden is:</u>	<u>It satisfies the:</u>
A place of infinite beauty	Senses that appreciates beauty in us
We worked in the garden	Deepest creative capacity of our hearts
Council of God	Farthest reaching of our minds
Love of God	Infinite need for love and affirmation

All of us feel alienated from our first loves, our selves. Nobody is at home in this world.

II. The Divine Solution

The father brings the controversial young son back into the home.
Who paid for his return?

In the story of the lost sheep someone goes out to find the lost sheep.
In the story of the lost coin, someone goes out into the house and finds the lost coin.
In the story of the lost son, who goes out? No one. Who should go out?

We were exiled because of sin and Jesus became that exiled one for us.

Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." Luke 9:58 NIV

III. The New Communion

The family meal is a place of sharing, intimacy, human community.

Because we have an older brother who sought us out He will bring us home.

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. 7 On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; 8 he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

Isaiah 25:6-8 NIV

With the communion moment we are reuniting ourselves, reconnecting ourselves to the Father through the Son.

Communion works in two ways.

1. We are celebrating a time of intimacy with Christ.
2. The very form of the Lord's supper is communal.

If you want to be shaped by Jesus and grow to become like Jesus we must live together.

What are you relying on for your significance?
The Father accepts you because of the work of our Older Brother Jesus.

We are in communion with the Father and with each other. It is the foretaste of the final feast.