

Search and Rescue

Jesus for Everyone Message Series Week 21

Luke 15:1-32

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Here at CBC we are going to:

1. **Value, pursue, and welcome the spiritually lost.**

2. **Be on guard against spiritual pride, self-righteous attitudes, and judgmental spirits.**

“It is very easy to forget what we were like before we came to the Father! As time passes we begin to imagine we are ‘good people’ because we have avoided sins of passion—and all the while sins of attitude run rampant within us. We do not regard our jealousy, pride, and judgmentalism as sins. We call them faults or shortcomings. So we easily become critical, judgmental, and unloving. Our surface familiarity with holy things has rendered them dull, insipid, and boring.”

R. Kent Hughes, *Luke*, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2015, p. 579.

3. **Receive, reflect, and rejoice in God’s grace found in Jesus.**

“This is the gospel—the good news of a prodigal God who rushes to meet sinners with his love!”

R. Kent Hughes, *Luke*, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2015, p. 577.

Reflection Questions:

1. Do I value, pursue, and welcome the spiritually lost?
2. Do I need to confess and repent of spiritual pride in my heart? Am I similar to the “older” brother?
3. Have I walked away from my Heavenly Father? Do I need to repent of my sin and return to my Heavenly Father?

“The worst thing in the world is not to be a sinner but to be a sinner who thinks God does not value you. The value God attaches to the sinner’s soul is seen in the cross and blood of the Son of God. If we turn to God, we discover that God was not out to crush us but to save us and make us his own.”

Thabiti Anyabwile, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Luke*, B&H Publishing Group, Nashville, TN, 2018, p. 233.