



## An Outline of Luke 15:11-32

**The Setting** <sup>11</sup> Then He said: “A certain man had **two sons**.”

**A** <sup>12</sup> And the **younger** of them said to *his* father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls *to me*.’ So he divided to them *his* livelihood. <sup>13</sup> And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

**B** <sup>14</sup> But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. <sup>15</sup> Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. <sup>16</sup> And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

**C** <sup>17</sup> “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, <sup>19</sup> and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”’ <sup>20</sup> “And he arose and came to his father.

**D** **But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.**

**C’** <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

**B’** <sup>22</sup> “But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry;

**A’** <sup>24</sup> for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry.

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**A** <sup>25</sup> “Now his **older son** was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’

**B** <sup>28</sup> “But he was angry and would not go in.

**C** Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him.

**B’** <sup>29</sup> So he answered and said to his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.’

**C’** <sup>31</sup> “And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.

**A'** <sup>32</sup>It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.' "