

I'm Comin Home!

Luke 15:11-32 (Topical Message)



Luke 15:20-24 (GW)

²⁰ “So he went at once to his father. While he was still at a distance, his father saw him and felt sorry for him. He ran to his son, put his arms around him, and kissed him. ²¹ Then his son said to him, ‘Father, I’ve sinned against heaven and you. I don’t deserve to be called your son anymore.’ ²² “The father said to his servants, ‘Hurry! Bring out the best robe, and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let’s celebrate with a feast. ²⁴ My son was dead and has come back to life. He was lost but has been found.’ Then they began to celebrate.

Sowing Wild Oats

Luke 15:11-32 (GW)

¹¹ Then Jesus said, “A man had two sons. ¹² The younger son said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the property.’ So the father divided his property between his two sons. ¹³ “After a few days, the younger son gathered his possessions and left for a country far away from home. There he wasted everything he had on a wild lifestyle.

Brothers and Sisters – this is “**Sowing Wild Oats**”. This is the equivalent today of partying, extravagant living, eating out, drinking and drugs, promiscuity, women and dating etc. He took his inheritance (How Much?), and spent it as he wished for his pleasures.

Lost in the World System

Luke 15:14-16 (GW)

¹⁴ He had nothing left when a severe famine spread throughout that country. He had nothing to live on. ¹⁵ So he got a job from someone in that country and was sent to feed pigs in the fields. ¹⁶ No one in the country would give him any food, and he was so hungry that he would have eaten what the pigs were eating.

Brothers and Sisters – *The son is lost in the world system of being “In Adam”.*

Genesis 3:17b-19 (GW)

¹⁷ The ground is cursed because of you. Through hard work you will eat {food that comes} from it every day of your life. ¹⁸ The ground will grow thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat wild plants. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow, you will produce food to eat until you return to the ground, because you were taken from it. You are dust, and you will return to dust.”

The son now has to by the sweat of his brow, earn money to buy food and further more will die physically (already dead spiritually). Wow!

Brothers & Sisters – by the sweat of our brows we also have to work to earn a living in this world. We can thank Adam for this. I need to rely on myself to make it in life is the result.

A Better Life

Luke 15:17-19 (GW)

¹⁷ “Finally, he came to his senses. He said, ‘How many of my father's hired men have more food than they can eat, while I'm starving to death here? ¹⁸ I'll go at once to my father, and I'll say to him, “Father, I've sinned against heaven and you. ¹⁹ I don't deserve to be called your son anymore. Make me one of your hired men.””

Brothers & Sisters – We are born into this world “in Adam”, void of spiritual life. It comes to the point in our lives, that we say the same things to God the Father as the young son. ***We sinned against you (Which means we have been going our own way), and need a better life, need hope and a new way to live. This better life, is a new life, and is an exchanged life.*** We need to restart and begin anew. The bible is clear, that when we receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, our old self dies, and we are risen to newness of life. We exchange our old self dependent life, for a Christ centered life. We have an exchanged life. This is giving up on trying to live life self-dependent, and being indwelt with the Holy Spirit and Christ coming to live inside you.

Always Loved

Luke 15:20 (GW)

²⁰ “So he went at once to his father. While he was still at a distance, his father saw him and felt sorry for him. He ran to his son, put his arms around him, and kissed him.

Brothers & Sisters – We think this same of God. We never know if we are accepted by Him. But the bottom line is this. Our perception doesn't match reality. The reality is that the father always loved his son, just like God the Father always loves you. God love towards you never changes. What changes is our perception of God toward us when we sin.

Under the New Covenant of Grace, Christ will never leave you or forsake you if you have Him in your heart. Your behavior, good or bad, doesn't change the fact you are a new creation, a new person, and have a new life. Behavior, eventually lines up with who you have become. This is called growing in Grace, in Gods timing.

Celebrating a New Life

Luke 15:21-24 (GW)

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1 Timothy 2:4 (GW)

⁴ He wants all people to be saved and to learn the truth.

Luke 15:7 (GW)

⁷ I can guarantee that there will be more happiness in heaven over one person who turns to God and changes the way he thinks and acts than over 99 people who already have turned to God and have his approval."

Where is my Blessing?

Luke 15:24-31 (GW)

²⁵ “His older son was in the field. As he was coming back to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called to one of the servants and asked what was happening. ²⁷ “The servant told him, ‘Your brother has come home. So your father has killed the fattened calf to celebrate your brother's safe return.’ ²⁸ “Then the older son became angry and wouldn't go into the house. His father came out and begged him to come in. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘All these years I've worked like a slave for you. I've never disobeyed one of your commands. Yet, you've never given me so much as a little goat for a celebration with my friends. ³⁰ But this son of yours spent your money on prostitutes, and when he came home, you killed the fattened calf for him.’ ³¹ “His father said to him, ‘My child, you're always with me. Everything I have is yours.’

Finding Spiritual Life in Christ

Luke 15:32 (GW)

³² But we have something to celebrate, something to be happy about. This brother of yours was dead but has come back to life. He was lost but has been found.”

The father tells his other son – your brother was dead, and has come back to life. He was lost and has been found:

Dead (lost) to Life (Found)

I'm Comin Home!

*Christ is waiting for you to come to Him and return home
to your new life in Him*

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