

***Sermon Scripture Passage: Luke 15:11-32***

11 And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. 13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. 14 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16 And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' 20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

25 "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' 28 But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, 29 but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' 31 And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

**Scripture References:**

**Luke 19:9-10** - And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

**2 Corinthians 7:10** – Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death

**Galatians 4:5-7** – to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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Parable of the Lost Sons #1 – Luke 15:11-32 – The Son Who Went Far Away

*Question: What are the key points of this parable that Jesus wanted people to pick up on?*

Key Element #1 – The son asks for his \_\_\_\_\_

Key Element #2 – Life in the distant country is \_\_\_\_\_

Key Element #3 – The Son comes to his \_\_\_\_\_

Key Element #4 – The Father sees his son and \_\_\_\_\_

Key Element #5 – The Father receives him back as a \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 15:1-2 *How does the context help lead us in how to interpret this parable?*

Jesus told this parable to teach about the \_\_\_\_\_ door of salvation and invite \_\_\_\_\_ to enter.

Insight #1 – To be lost is:

Jeremiah 2:13 – We try to drink from, “broken \_\_\_\_\_ that cannot hold water.”

Insight #2 – Life in this world involves:

Insight #3 – Salvation is coming:

Insight #4 – God is not set against:

Acts 17:27 – God’s intent is for all people to, “*feel their way toward him and \_\_\_\_\_ him.*”

God is not \_\_\_\_\_ but is, “*actually not far from each one of us*”

Insight #5 – When we put our faith in Christ we are:

*What does the Lord want you to get out of this parable this morning?*

Answers for the blanks:

- Open
- Sinners
- Cisterns
- Find
- Distant or hiding from us
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Five Key Story Elements:

Surprise #1 – The son asks for his inheritance early and the Father actually gives it to him.

Surprise #2 – Life in the distant country is a lot harder and harsher than the son expected.

Surprise #3 – The Son comes to his senses and begins the journey home.

Surprise #4 – The Father sees his son and runs to welcome him home.

Surprise #5 – The Father receives him back as a Son not merely a hired hand.

Five Insights:

Insight #1 – To be lost is to live apart from God and outside of His household

Insight #2 – Life in this world involves difficulty and hardships

Insight #3 – Salvation is coming home and being received by the Father into His people.

Insight #4 – God is not set against sinful mankind but stands ready to welcome any who turn to Him

Insight #5 – When we put our faith in Christ we are received as sons and daughters of God.