

Sermon Scripture Passage:

Luke 15:1-2 – Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

Luke 15:17-32 - “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:

Romans 8:15-16 – For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Galatians 5:22-23 – But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Romans 8:28-30 – 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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Parable of the Lost Sons #12 – Luke 15:17-32 – The Son Who Refused to Come In

Question: How do you think you would have reacted to the return of your lost brother?

Luke 15:25-32 The elder son responds to the return of his brother and the great _____

1st Response: He was _____

2nd Response: He refuses to _____

3rd Response: He is full of _____

4th Response: He was _____ toward his brother

5th Response: His heart is _____

Luke 15:1-2 *How are the Scribes and Pharisees like the elder brother?*

See: Luke 5:30

Mark 2:7

Mark 3:2, 6

Mark 3:22

Mark 7:5

The story of the two sons highlights two different spiritual dangers:

Outright _____

Outward _____

What Jesus is showing is that the _____ conformist can be just as lost as his prodigal brother!

Galatians 5:22-23 – *What _____ qualities does God want for his sons and daughters?*

Sin is not just breaking the rules it is putting yourself in the place of God as _____

Romans 8:15-16 We are _____ as Children of the Father

Romans 8:19 We are _____ as Sons [and Daughters] of the Father!

Romans 8:29 God's purpose for us is that we would be _____

This morning the call of the Spirit upon my heart is...

Answers for the blanks:

- Feast
- Angry
- Come into the Feast
- Resentment toward the Father
- Judgment toward his brother
- Hardened and distant toward both

The Response of the Pharisees and Scribes to Jesus

Angry Mark 2:7 “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Refused to Come in Luke 5:30 And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

Resentment Mark 3:2 And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him.

Judgmental Mark 7:5 And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”

Distanced: Set their hearts against Him Mark 3:22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.”

- Outright rebellion
- Outward dutifulness
- Moral
- Character
- Savior, Lord and Judge
- Received as children
- Revealed as Sons
- Conformed to the image of Christ