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**Finding Prodigal Love**

Luke 15:11-24

**Luke 15:11 (ESV)**And He said, “There was a man who had two sons.

**Luke 15:12 (ESV)**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.

**Luke 15:13 (ESV)**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.

**Luke 15:14 (ESV)**And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.

**Luke 15:15 (ESV)**So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

**Luke 15:16 (ESV)**And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

**Luke 15:17 (ESV)**“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!

**Luke 15:18 (ESV)**I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

**Luke 15:19 (ESV)**I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.” ’

**Luke 15:20 (ESV)**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.

**Luke 15:21 (ESV)**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.’

**Luke 15:22 (ESV)**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.

**Luke 15:23 (ESV)**And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.

**Luke 15:24 (ESV)**For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

1. **The Father’s Goodness to His Son**

**Luke 15:12 (ESV)**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.

**Romans 2:4 (ESV)**Or do you presume on the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

**Romans 5:8 (ESV)**But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1. **The Father’s Patience with His Son**

**Luke 15:13 (ESV)**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.

**Ecclesiastes 11:9 (ESV)**Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

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**Psalm 38:18 (ESV)**I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

1. **The Father’s Compassion for His Son**

**Luke 15:20 (ESV)**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.

**2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)**The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

1. **The Father’s Joy in His Son**

**Luke 15:22 (ESV)**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.

**Luke 15:23 (ESV)**And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.

**Luke 15:24 (ESV)**For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

**Isaiah 55:7 (ESV)**Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have com passion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.