Finding God’s Heart”?

**Luke 15:25-32**

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And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

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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.’

**Luke 15:28 (ESV)**

But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him,

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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.

**Luke 15:30 (ESV)**

But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’

**Luke 15:31 (ESV)**

And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

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It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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But he was angry …

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Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Him.

**Luke 15:2 (ESV)**

And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.”

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**Luke 19:10 (ESV)**

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”