

# Extravagant Love

## The parable of the Prodigal Son(s)

Luke 15:11-32



Studies in the  
Parables

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

Jesus' Audience

Luke 15:1

Now the **tax collectors** and **sinners** were all drawing near to hear him. And the **Pharisees** and the **scribes** **grumbled**, saying, “This man receives **sinners** and eats with them.”

Luke 15:1-2

# Parables of Luke 15

## Lost Sheep & Lost Coin

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Lost

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Parables of Luke 15

# Lost Sheep & Lost Coin



Joy for 1 Repentant sinner 🤔?

There was a man who had  
**two** sons.

Prodigal Son(s)?

Luke 15:11



Usual

Unexpected

Unsettling

# The Unexpected Demand

And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.'

Luke 15:12a

# The Unexpected Response

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 15:12

# The Unexpected Response

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. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had ...

Luke 15:12-13a

...and took a journey into a **far country**, and there he squandered his property in **reckless living**. And when he had **spent everything**, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.

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So he went and “glued” himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was **longing to be fed** with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

# Finding His “True Self”

“But when he came to himself,

Luke 15:17a

# Finding His “True Self”

“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! I will arise and go to **my father**...

Luke 15:17-18a

# Preparing The Speech

“Father,  
I have sinned against heaven  
and before you.

Luke 15:18b

# Preparing The Speech

“Father,  
I have sinned against heaven  
and before you.

I am no longer worthy to be  
called your son.

Luke 15:18-19a

“Father,  
I have sinned against heaven  
and before you.

I am no longer worthy to be  
called your son.

Treat me as one of your **hired  
servants.**”

“And he arose and came to his father.

# The Return

Luke 15:20a

# Unexpected Response

“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...**

Luke 15:20

...embraced him  
and kissed him.



Luke 15:20

# Delivering The Speech

‘Father,  
I have sinned against heaven  
and before you.

I am no longer worthy to be  
called your son.’

Luke 15:21

# Unexpected Twist

‘Bring quickly the best **robe**, and put it on him, and put a **ring** on his hand, and **shoes** on his feet.

Luke 15:22

# Unexpected Celebration

‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the **fattened calf** and kill it, and let us eat and **celebrate**.

Luke 15:22-23

For this my son was dead,  
and is alive again;  
he was lost,  
and is found.  
And they began to celebrate.

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Luke 15:24

# Pattern of Luke 15

Lost



Found



Celebration



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Lost



Found



Celebration



Joy for 1 Repentant sinner

The Parable continues!?!?

Now his older son was in the **field** and as he came and drew near to the house he heard music and dancing...

Luke 15:25

Older's Unexpected Response

But he was angry and refused to go in.

Older's Unexpected Response

Luke 15:28a

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

Luke 15:28

Father's Unexpected Response

# Older Son's Speech

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

Luke 15:29-30

# Older Son's Speech

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

Luke 15:29-30

# Older Son = The Slave

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Luke 15:29-30

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

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Luke 15:31

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

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

Unsettling (open ended) Ending

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