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Helping the Child of God Keep the Faith

- ✓ Sunday Class: *Believing God*
- ✓ Sunday AM: *Nevertheless (Luke 5:1-11)*
- ✓ Sunday PM: *Things That Encourage*
- ✓ Monday: *Selling and Stirring*
- ✓ Tuesday: *The Seduction of Joseph*
- ✓ Wednesday: *The Wayward Son Comes Home*

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Luke 15:11-32

11 Then He said: "A certain man had two sons.
12 And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood.
13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.
14 But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.
15 Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.
16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything

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Luke 15:11-32

17 But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,
19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."' '
20 And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.
21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'
22 But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet

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Luke 15:11-32

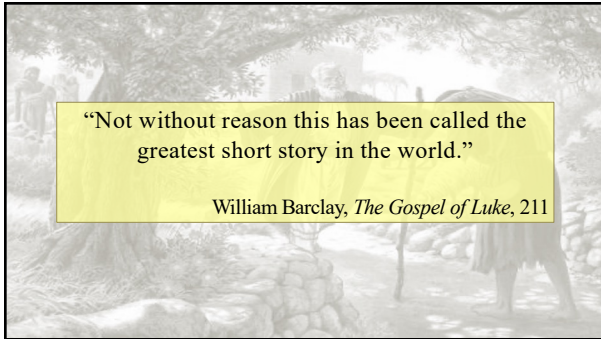
23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry;
24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.
25 Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.
26 So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.
27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.'
28 But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him.

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Luke 15:11-32

29 So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.
30 But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'
31 And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.
32 It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.' "

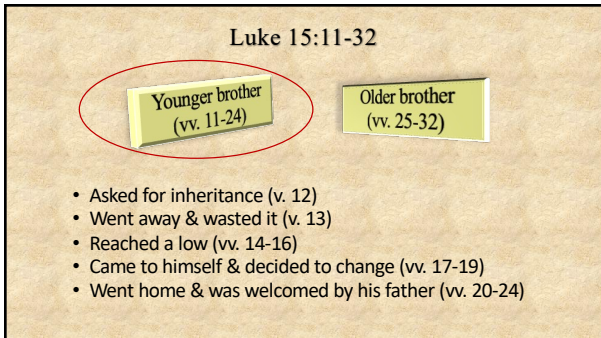
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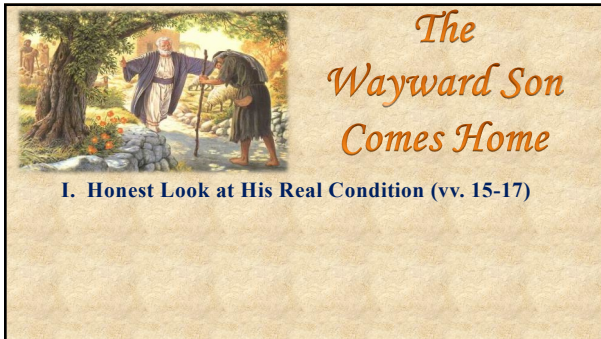
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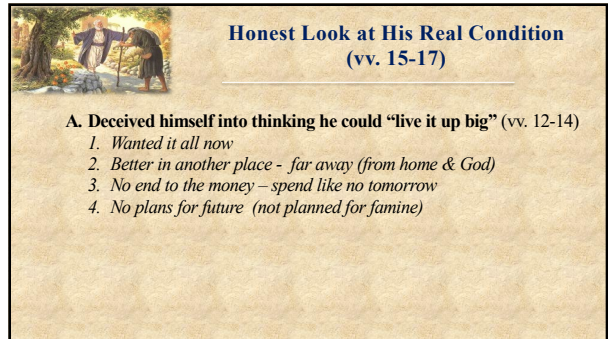
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Honest Look at His Real Condition
(vv. 15-17)

A. Deceived himself into thinking he could “live it up big” (vv. 12-14)
B. Didn’t turn out as he thought (vv. 14-16)

1. *In want – need* (v. 14)
2. *Begged for job (“joined” –word for glue)* (v. 15a)
3. *Feeding hogs (unclean to Jews)* (v. 15b)
4. *Would have eaten hog’s feed* (v. 16)
5. *“He began by being his own master; he ends by being the slave of the citizen”* (Pulpit)
6. *“A man’s passion is his minister for a time; by-and-by it becomes his tyrant”* (Pulpit)

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Honest Look at His Real Condition
(vv. 15-17)

A. Deceived himself into thinking he could “live it up big” (vv. 12-14)
B. Didn’t turn out as he thought (vv. 14-16)
C. Finally said, “Look at me...at what I’ve become” (v. 17)

1. *Worse shape than the hired servant*
2. *I perish with hunger*
3. *I have done wrong* (v. 18)

Wayward Never Returns
Until He Sees His Sad Condition


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*The
Wayward Son
Comes Home*

I. Honest Look at His Real Condition (vv. 15-17)
II. Future Look at Where He Was Headed (v. 17)

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Future Look at Where He Was Headed
(v. 17)

A. Getting Worse...

1. *Gone downhill since left home*
2. *Gone from having servants – to being one – to having less than the lowliest servant!*
3. *Nothing looks bright in the future*
4. *Sin is progressive* (2 Tim. 3:13)
5. *“Sin carries you farther than you want to go – keeps you longer than you want to stay – cost you more than you want to pay.”*

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Future Look at Where He Was Headed
(v. 17)

A. Getting Worse...
B. Perish with hunger

1. *If keep on same path – I will perish*
2. *Sin leads to destruction* (Acts 8:20; Jas. 5:19-20)

Wayward Never Returns
Until He Sees Path He Is On


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*The
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II. Future Look at Where He Was Headed (v. 17)
III. No One Enabled Him (v. 16)

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No One Enabled Him
(v. 16)

A. No one gave to him

1. No one bailed him out
2. No one helped him stay in foreign land
3. No one felt so sorry for him – thought should give to him
4. Any “gift” would not have helped
5. To enable him would keep him away from home

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No One Enabled Him
(v. 16)

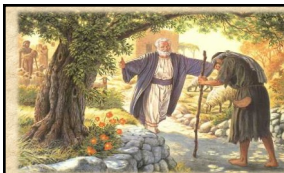
A. No one gave to him

B. We hinder the sinner when we enable them

1. Give money to alcoholic
2. Bail them out of trouble
3. Pamper, comfort & socialize with those withdrawn from
4. Helping those who are lazy
5. Things we do to “help” may not help at all!

**Wayward More Likely To Return
When No One Gives Unto Him**


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III. No One Enabled Him (v. 16)
IV. Came to Himself (v. 17)

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Came to Himself
(v. 17)

A. Means for a while – not at himself

1. Not mean - not accountable / responsible
2. Lost track of who he was & where going
3. Alienated from his real self
4. “Contrary to sound judgment and the decisions of a sound mind” (Barnes)
5. “As if he had been beside himself” (J.F.& B)
6. “As if he had been as far from himself as he was from home. As a matter of fact he had been away, out of his head, and now began to see things as they really were.” (Robertson)
7. “Jesus believed that so long as a man was away from God and against God he was not truly himself; he was only truly himself when he was on the way home” (Barclay)

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Came to Himself
(v. 17)

A. Means for a while – not at himself

B. Behavior was not at himself

1. Lost sight of the father
2. Focus on the now
3. Lost all sense of himself - who he was
4. Search for the empty
5. Wasteful
6. Selfish
7. Turned his back on his religion

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Came to Himself
(v. 17)


A. Means for a while – not at himself

B. Behavior was not at himself

C. Evidence that he was not at himself

1. Later “came to himself” (v. 17)
2. Father was looking for him to return (v. 20)

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Came to Himself
(v. 17)

A. Means for a while – not at himself
 B. Behavior was not at himself
 C. Evidence that he was not at himself
 D. Example of those not at themselves

Peter
Matt. 26:69-75

Barnabas
Gal. 2:13

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Came to Himself
(v. 17)

A. Means for a while – not at himself
 B. Behavior was not at himself
 C. Evidence that he was not at himself
 D. Example of those not at themselves
 E. What does it mean – “came to himself”?


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“Came to himself”

1. “When he came to his senses” (NASV; NIV)
2. “It is a wonderful stroke of art, to represent the beginning of repentance as the return of a sound consciousness.” (Vincent)
3. “Restoration to sound sense” (Clarke)
4. Repent: “I. *metanoeo* NT:3340, lit., “to perceive afterwards” (meta, “after;” implying “change,” *noeo*, “to perceive”; nous, “the mind, the seat of moral reflection”), in contrast to *pronoeo*, “to perceive beforehand,” (Vines)
5. “He *metanoeo*” (Pulpit)

**Wayward Will Never Return
Until He Comes To Himself**


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V. Knew Father Would Receive Him (vv. 18-24)

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Knew Father Would Receive Him
(vv. 18-24)

A. What son said: “Will arise and go to my father” (v. 18)

1. Indicates that he knew his father would want him back
2. No wondering, “How will I be received?”

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Knew Father Would Receive Him
(vv. 18-24)

A. What son said: “Will arise and go to my father” (v. 18)
B. What son did: arose and came to his father (v. 20)

1. No delay
2. Father hasn't changed – same father he left

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Knew Father Would Receive Him
(vv. 18-24)

A. What son said: “Will arise and go to my father” (v. 18)
B. What son did: arose and came to his father (v. 20)
C. What the father did:

1. *Saw son long way off (v. 20) – indicates had been looking*
2. *Welcomed him home (v. 20)*
3. *Celebrated his return (vv. 22-24)*

Wayward More Likely To Return
When Knows How He Will Be Received


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VI. Willingly Admitted His Sin (vv. 18-21)

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Willingly Admitted His Sin
(vv. 18-21)

A. Said, “I sinned” (vv. 18, 21)
B. Sin was against:

1. *Heaven – God (vv. 18, 21)*
2. *His father (vv. 18, 21)*
 - Some sin against another (Mt. 18:21)
 - Some sin merely “before” or “in the presence” of others

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Willingly Admitted His Sin
(vv. 18-21)

A. Said, “I sinned” (vv. 18, 21)
B. Sin was against:


1. *His father*
2. *His brother*

D. Didn't say:

1. *“Could have done better”*
2. *“Shouldn't have left”*
3. *“M...”*

Wayward Never Truly Comes Home
Until He Admits His Sin

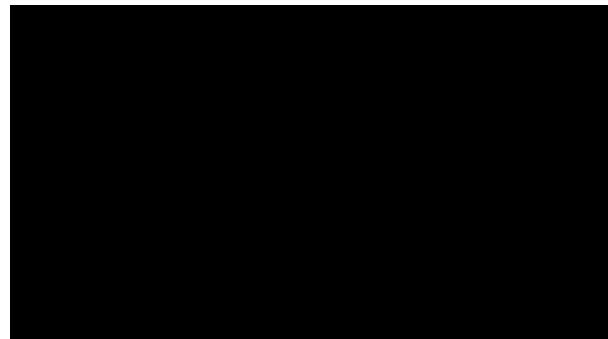
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