

# Parables

MESSAGE NOTES

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## Two Lost Sons and a Loving Father

Luke 15:11-32

Come home to the Father's loving embrace and celebrate the joy of forgiveness.

**Immediate Context:** Jesus loves sinners and the religious leaders do not.

### A. The Lost Younger Son

1. The younger son was a sinner lost in immorality.
2. Repentance is turning toward God and away from sin.

*Romans 2:4*

### B. The Compassionate Father

1. The father ran to reach his son quickly before any others.
2. The compassionate father restored the father-son relationship immediately.

The father presented the son with five gifts:

- The robe: royalty, his position as son was restored
- The ring: great affection, symbol of authority
- The sandals: not a servant but a son with all entitlements
- The calf: sins are forgiven
- The feast, celebration, party: son alive and found

### C. The Lost Older Son

1. The older son wants justice.
2. The older son wants recognition.

Observation: The older son was lost in morality.

### D. The Gracious Father

1. The father reminds his older son of his sonship.
2. The celebration was not optional.

### E. Conclusion

#### Now What?

Come home to the Father's loving embrace and celebrate the joy of forgiveness.