

FINDING THE LOST **AMONGST** THE **FOUND**

Luke: The Gospel to the Gentiles – Message 50

Review

The Pharisees and scribes were murmuring about Jesus' practice of eating with and receiving "sinners" into His presence! (Luke 15:1-2)

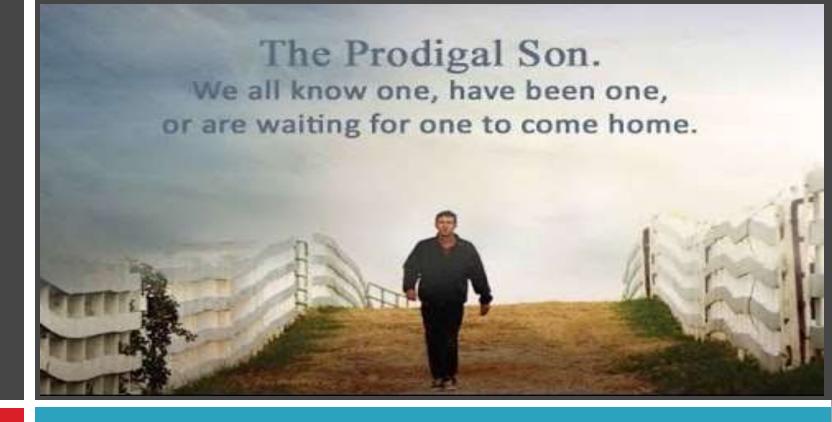


Jesus responded by telling three parables:

- The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:3-7)
- 2. The Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10)







I. The Dynamics of a Departure

Luke 15:12-13

I. The Dynamics of a Departure (15:11-12)

- Selfishness
- Entitlement
- Facilitation
- Blaming Others
- Foolishness

PRODIGAL.

"...and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living." -Luke 15:13.

- Wasted from verb, "to scatter" or "to squander."
- <u>Riotous</u> Ashton's "...without saving, dissolutely. Used of debauched and profligate living (TDNT)."

II. The Path to Prodigality (15:13-16)

- Decline
- Disillusion
 - ■Easy come, easy go
 - We call this SOWING AND REAPING!
- Desperation

III. The Awakening (15:17-20a)

"He came to himself" – Luke 15:17

QUESTION: What does it take to awake?



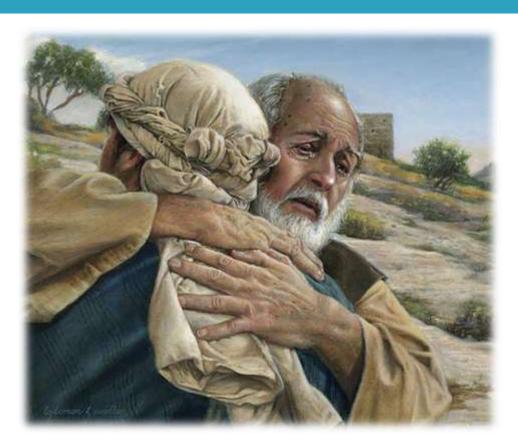
III. The Awakening (15:17-20a)

- A. An Acceptance of Reality
- B. An Attitude of Repentance
 - An accurate view of self
 - An accurate view of sin
 - A willingness and commitment to do right

IV. The Reconciliation (15:20b-24)

The son made the move!

The father was ready to reconcile!



IV. The Reconciliation (15:20b-24)

- A. There was acceptance
- B. There was forgiveness
- There was restoration
 - It was a new day!
 - It was a new beginning!

V. The Other Lost Son (15:25-30)

"And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him." -Luke 15:28.

- The most difficult people to deal with are those who don't see their own need!
- This brother had a false assessment – both sons were given their inheritance!
- While he hadn't acted out as the prodigal son, he had the same feelings of selfishness and

VI. The Point (15:31-32)

"And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine." - Luke 15:31.

- The other son thought his obedience deemed special treatment!
- Was he serving his father because he loved him?
- Or did he merely serve for his own benefit? (see verse 29)

"It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was LOST, and is **FOUND**." -Luke 15:32.

- These three parables all end with a statement like this!
- The lost sheep 15:6 "rejoice with me, for I have FOUND my sheep which was LOST."
- The lost coin 15:9 "And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have FOUND the piece which I had LOST."

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- The son who was LOST was FOUND!
- The son who THOUGHT he was FOUND was LOST!
- Remember back in Luke 15:1-2?
- These last 8 verses speak to them!
- REMEMBER THIS: GOD SAVES

SINNERS; God Only

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- Samuel Chadwick:
- The younger son broke the Father's heart...
- ...the elder son was out of fellowship...
- ...and the third Son is the One who uttered the parable.

- Who do you identify with in this parable?
 - ✓ The Prodigal?
 - ✓ The Father?
 - ✓ The brother?
- Are you excited when people make lifechanging choices to serve God?
- There are LOST amongst the FOUND!

