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Luke 15:11-32

THE FORGIVING FATHER

I. Introduction

II. God Loves Us so Much He Allows Us To Make Our Own Choices.

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. [12] The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' Luke 15:11-12

A. Three Ways The Son Offended His Father:

1. He asked for his inheritance early

"Father, give me my share of the estate." Luke 15:12

2. He Sold His Inheritance

"Not long after that, the younger son got together all that he had," Luke 15:13a.

3. He Squandered His Inheritance

"He set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living." Luke 15:13b

B. Three Steps To Returning Home:

1. Wake Up To Our True Condition:

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! Luke 15:17

2. Confession:

"I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. [19] I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' Luke 15:18-19

3. Repentance:

“So he got up and went to his father.” Luke 15:20

III. The Father Is Willing and Anxious To Accept Those Who Return Home. (vv. 20-24)

So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. [21] "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

[22] "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. [23] Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. [24] For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate." "Luke 15:20-24

IV. The Father Expects His Children To Rejoice Over the Return of the Fallen. (vv. 25-32)

"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. [26] So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. [27] 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

[28] "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. [29] But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. [30] But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

[31] " 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. [32] But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' " Luke 15:25-32

V. Conclusion And Application: