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Luke 15:11-32

The Prodigal's DEPARTURE:

📖 Luke 15:11–13 (NIV84) “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.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ ‘Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.’”

The Prodigal's DESCENT:

📖 Luke 15:14–16 (NIV84) “After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.”

📖 Galatians 6:7–8 (NIV84) “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.”

The Prodigal's DECISION:

📖 Luke 15:17–20a (NIV84) “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! ¹⁸ 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.’ ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.”

The Prodigal's DAD:

📖 Luke 15:20b–24 (NIV84) “...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.”

📖 Hebrews 1:3a (NIV84) “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His being...”

The Prodigal's DISCOVERY:

📖 Luke 15:22–24 (NIV84) “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 15:25–27 (NIV84) “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.’”

📖 Luke 15:28–32 (NIV84) “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 9:22 (NIV84) “...He said, ‘The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.’”

📖 Luke 15:7 (NIV84) “I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”

Digging Deeper: Which son in the parable do you relate to most? What did you learn today about our Father in heaven? Do you feel close to God or far away from Him? Have you been too ashamed to ask for forgiveness? Have you believed the lie that God doesn’t want to hear from you? Grace interrupts bad theology. How has God’s truth encouraged you today?