## Insights from Luke

#61: "The Prodigal Son" Luke 15:11-24

# Luke 15:11-12

"11 And He said, 'A man had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me." So he divided his wealth between them."

## **Luke 15:13**

"13 And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living."

#### Luke 15:14-16

"14 Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be impoverished. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would have gladly filled his stomach with the pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him."

### Luke 15:17-19

"17 But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.""

#### **Luke 15:7**

"7 I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

#### **Luke 15:10**

"10 In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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## Luke 15:20

"20 So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him."

## Luke 15:21

"21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son."

#### Luke 15:22

"22 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet."

## **Luke 15:23-24**

"23 ...and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate."

The prodigal son was lost before he was lost.

Repression
Reality
Roaming hearts and minds
Regression
Rationalization
Rebellion
Regretful acts

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We were all prodigal sons.

When you are in the wrong, do not bargain with God. Return to Him on His terms and not your own.

When we return home on the Father's terms, we find the loving arms of a dad who already had a plan in place to restore us.

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