

“Lost and Loster”
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Luke 15:11-24

Part 1 “I Want It Now”

Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.”

Part 2 “The Distant Land”

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

Part 3 “Coming To Our Senses”

“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! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.’ So he got up and went to his father.”

Part 4 “A Shocking Reaction”

“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.”

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’”

“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. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.”

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

- What is your main “take-away” from this week? How do you plan to live that out?
 - How much “Wow” factor does the reality that God loves you have in your life or do you just take that for granted?
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Read over Luke 15:11-31 again and think about the following questions:

- Who is the “most lost” person in this story?
- Was the Father showing too much favoritism? Was he too passive?
- Who do you identify the most with in this story?
- How does this parable connect with the two that we read last week (the lost sheep and the lost coin)?
- What do you think you might need to do differently as you look at your life in light of this parable?

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