

PARABLES

JESUS THE STORYTELLER

Sunday, June 19, 2022 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 4 | **Prodigal Dad**

Luke 15:1-3; 11-32

Some are like the **YOUNGER SON** (v. 11-24)

he wants the father's things but not the father

and others are like the **OLDER SON** (v. 25-32)

he also wants the father's things but not the father

— *both* need to **REPENT**. (v. 1-3)

WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

1. Recognize I'm going the wrong way.

Sin, Rebellion, Foolishness, Stubbornness, Hardness of Heart...

2. Change my mind.

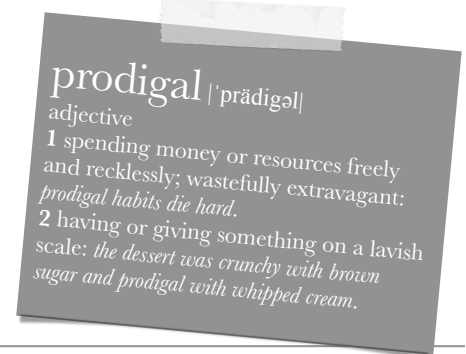
The word "repent" literally means "a change of mind"

3. Turn around and go the other way.

True repentance yields action.

two groups, two responses *verses 1-3*

Ephesians 2:1-14



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Food for Thought...

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

1. Think of a time when you lost something important to you and found yourself searching frantically for it. What was that like? Why was it so important for you to find that thing?

Read Luke 15:1-3

2. What's the setting of this chapter? Who is Jesus addressing? Why?

Read Luke 15:4-10

3. **Read Psalm 23.** God is also described as a shepherd in Scripture. What does Psalm 23 tell us about God as a shepherd?
4. **Read John 10:11-15.** What does John tell us about Jesus as our shepherd?
5. **Read Psalm 38:5 and Isaiah 53:6.** How is wandering from God foolish and hurtful to ourselves?

6. Should we take time to really rejoice with our friends when God brings us out of a trial (**See Luke 15:6, 9, 22, 23**)?

Read Luke 15:11-32

7. What does "prodigal" mean?
8. As you read this story, how is the younger son "prodigal"? How is the father "prodigal"?
9. What was the father's love of his sons dependent upon?
10. **Read Ephesians 2:1-9.** How are we like the father's sons? How is God's love for us mirrored in the love of this father for his sons?
11. Which son do you identify with more? How is each one of the sons in the wrong?
12. How should God's love for us compel us to live?



Life Groups Return In the Fall!

Each fall and spring people from Wawasee Bible meet regularly in small groups to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups and they meet in various homes and on campus. If you really want to connect and grow, you should get in a Life Group! — *Most groups take a break for the summer, so if you're interested, look for sign-ups in August or let us know on the digital Connect Card at wawasee.today or stop by the Connect Desk. Look for other opportunities to connect outside of Life Groups throughout the summer.*

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Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Luke 15:20-24 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

²⁰And he **arose** and **came** to his **father**. But while he was **still** a **long** way off, his **father** saw him and **felt compassion**, and ran and **embraced** him and **kissed** him.

²¹And the son **said** to him, '**Father**, I have **sinned** against **heaven** and before you. I am no **longer** worthy to be **called** your son.' ²²But the **father said** to his **servants**, '**Bring quickly** the **best robe**, and put it on him, and put a **ring** on his **hand**, and **shoes** on his **feet**. ²³And **bring** the **fattened calf** and **kill** it, and let us eat and **celebrate**. ²⁴For this my son was **dead**, and is **alive again**; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to **celebrate**.