



# THE PRODIGAL

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## MAIN READING

### Luke 15 NIV -The Parable of the Lost Son

**11** 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.

**14 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.**

**17 “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants 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 servants.’**

**20 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.**

**25 “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.’”**

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**Verse 17: But when he came to himself, he said, “how many of my Fathers hired servants have Bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hungers”.**

## **Ezekiel 33:11 ESV**

**11 Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?**

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## **Luke 15:7 - New International Version**

**7 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.**

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