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1.) The Prodigal Son

v.11-19

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1a.) **Rejects** the authority of others

v.11-12

1b.) **Makes** the wrong decisions

v.13-14

1c.) **Eventually** faces the outcome

v.15-16

1d.) **Repents** of his deeds

v.17-19

Remembering the Context of Luke Chapter 15
The Parable of the **Lost Sheep & The Parable of the **Lost Coin****

13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with **prodigal** living.

Prodigal ἀσώτως **asotos**, *as-o'-toce*; adverb from the same as 810; unlimited extravagance, unlimited lavishness, unlimited zeal, unlimited abandonment.

At this point the child is thinking: I CAN DO THIS LIFE THING BETTER.

(to counter the collegiate syndrome)
Teach your child a “Christ-Centered, Self-Worth”
verses a self reliant and irresponsible independence.

Prov. 15:5 NLT

Only a fool despises a **parent’s discipline**; whoever learns from correction is wise.

Jer. 31:3

The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an **everlasting love**; Therefore with **lovingkindness** I have drawn you.

Luke 15:7

I say to you that likewise there will be **more joy** in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

15 Then he went and joined himself to a **citizen of that country**, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and **no one gave him anything**.

STAY BACK
SUFFERING MUST HAVE ITS PROPER EFFECT
STAY BACK

It’s a Painful Fact – God uses Difficulty to Correct us

??? carefully address this issue – generically ???
parents need to let their child suffer – be wise in how you intervene in your child’s destructive behavior

Prov. 29:15 NLT

To **discipline** a child produces **wisdom**, but a mother is disgraced by an undisciplined child.

Prv 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

Train up chanak, khaw-nak'; to make narrow, to initiate or dedicate or set a straight course. to steer in the direction of what they are to become. (body, soul, spirit)

THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL

2.) The Prodigal Father

v.20-24

Prodigal ἀσώτως *asotos*, *as-o'-toce*; adverb from the same as 810; unlimited extravagance, unlimited lavishness, unlimited zeal, unlimited abandonment.

:20 "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father (1) saw him and (2) had compassion, and (3) ran and (4) fell on his neck and (5) kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son." :22 "But (6) the father said (interruption the son) to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; 24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

THE PRODIGAL FATHER

2a.) His love is preceding

v.20b

20a "And he (the young son) arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father (1) saw him

His Father Saw

Saw εἶδω *eido*, *i'-do*; a primary verb; to be aware, to know, to be beholding to or to wish ahead.

Daily - the father would lift up his eyes and scan the horizon - with a hope that kept him looking throughout the day, the weeks, the months...

God has been watching you and looking at you all along

Rom. 5:6-8

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom. 3:21

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.

THE PRODIGAL FATHER

2b.) His love is confrontational

v.20b

20b and (2) had compassion,

God's Love Confronts Sin

1 Peter 4:8b

"love will cover a multitude of sins."

Cover καλύπτω *kalupto*, *kal-ooop'-to*; to take away and conceal. to hide or cover. Remove from sight.

Psa. 91:1-2

He who dwells **in the secret place** of the Most High Shall abide **under the shadow of the Almighty**. **2** *(the result of doing that is)* I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

God's Love *Confronts* Sin

Our Violent Gospel

Can I suggest to you that side of the Gospel that isn't much talked about, it is the side of the gospel that is militant and violent about sin. God hates sin. He hates us playing with it, He hates what it does to us, and He devoted Himself to destroying it - - even though we were the ones who adopted it.

Habakkuk 1:13 NIV

Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.

God Hates Sin

Because sin is what separates us from Him:

Isaiah 59:1-2

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. **2** But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

God Hates Sin and So Must We

Matthew 11:12

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence *(the gospel is under attack), and the violent take it by force.* *(the children of the kingdom are advancing in the face of opposition)*

Jeremiah 5:25

Your iniquities have turned these things away (blessings), And your sins have withheld good from you.

Prov. 6:16-19 ESV

There are six things that **the LORD hates**, seven that are an abomination to him: **17** *(1)* haughty eyes, *(2)* a lying tongue, and *(3)* hands that shed innocent blood, **18** *(4)* a heart that devises wicked plans, *(5)* feet that make haste to run to evil, **19** *(6)* a false witness who breathes out lies, and *(7)* one who sows discord among brothers.

THE PRODIGAL FATHER

2c.) His actions are extreme

v.20c

20c And he (3) ran

What's implied here is that a man who was not supposed to run – ran and all in the villages saw him running.

Extreme desperation being displayed

**Remember church – Jesus is speaking to the Pharisees.
They are disgusted with what they are hearing !!!**

THE PRODIGAL FATHER

2d.) His shame is limitless

v.20d

20d and (4) fell on his neck

in the middle eastern culture, this is a display of humility

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Hebrews 12:2-3

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

THE PRODIGAL FATHER

2e.) His union is scandalous

v.20e

20e and (5) kissed him.

Mark 2:13-16

Then He went out again by the sea; and all the multitude came to Him, and He taught them. 14 As He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him....

:15 Now it happened, as He was dining in Levi's house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many, and they followed Him. 16 And when the scribes and Pharisees saw Him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, they said to His disciples, "How is it that He eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?"

THE PRODIGAL FATHER

2f.) His sacrifice is extravagant

v.22

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

:22 "But (6) the father said (interruption the son 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him,

and put a ring (authority to purchase) on his hand and sandals (like boaz, to do business) on his feet.

23 And bring the fatted (what's been dedicated) calf here and kill it..

and let us eat and be merry; 24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.
'And they began to be merry'.

THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL

3.) The Prodigal Son #2

v.25-32

Lets Remember Something Here,

The Older Son in Our Parable ALSO got rich off the "imaginary death" of his Father and never said a word how wrong that request was !

12 And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me. 'So he divided to THEM his livelihood.

THE PRODIGAL SON #2

He was **unwilling to submit** to his father

His father was **glad and happy** and so should he have been.

THE PRODIGAL SON #2

He was **unwilling to make** the right decision

He didn't **defend the honor** of his father when he had the choice to do so.

THE PRODIGAL SON #2

He was **unwilling to face** the outcome

The outcome was totally unexpected; **GRACE won the day.**

THE PRODIGAL SON #2

He was **unwilling to repent** of his deed

His **heart grew harder** against his father (the Pharisees)

:25 "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard **music and dancing**. (what's this carrying on) 26 So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, "**Your brother has come, and because he (your dad) has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted (trophy) calf.**" :28 "But he was **angry** and would not go in. Therefore his father **came out** and **pleaded** with him. 29 So he answered and said to his father, "**Look, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. 30 But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.**" :31 "And he said to him, '**Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. 32 It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.**' "

both these sons - are prodigals but which one would you choose to be tonight?

One son is **softened** by the father's love. the other son is **hardened** by his father's love.

18 **I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven (GOD) and before you, "so he arose and came to his father"**

>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<

End of Study

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