The parable of the lost son

# Luke 15:11-32

In Luke 15, Jesus told three parables or stories, all dealing with what was **lost** but found – the **lost** sheep, the **lost** coin and the **lost son**. The parable of the **lost son**, in verses 11-32, captures the love of our heavenly Father, God, for sinners and His willingness to forgive and receive back repentant sinners.

Prodigal - spending money or resources freely and recklessly; wastefully extravagant.

1. The rebellious have to separate from the righteous – vs.11-13

The father’s house was in order, the son had to leave because he was not free to live recklessly under his father’s authority. 1 Timothy 3:4-5, 1 John 2:19

2. Sin has consequences – vs.14-16

* For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23
* *But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the Lord; and be sure your sin will find you out. Numbers 32:23*
* *There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. Proverbs 14:12*
* Hebrews 11:24-26, Galatians 6:7

3. He came to himself and his father received him – vs.17-24

* Repentance is a big deal with God – Luke 15:7, 10
* We give God our broken lives and He gives us the ring of sonship – Romans 8:15-17

4. The joyless attitude of the older brother – vs.25-32

* The older brother had a religious spirit and a poverty mentality - Luke 7:36-50