

Prodigal son(s?)

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Audience

Luke 15:1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

Jesus response: Lost sheep

3 So he told them this parable: 4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'

Jesus response: Lost coin

7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance 8 "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?

Jesus response: Lost coin

9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Two sons

11 And he said, "There was a man who had two sons.

Dividing property

12 And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them.

Younger son

13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. 14 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs

Repentance?

16 And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. 17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."

Heart of the Father

20 And 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.

Repentance?

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

Heart of the Father

22 But 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. 23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

Older son

25 "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.'²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him,

Older son

29 but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!'

Older son

31 And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'

Younger bro vs Older brother

Younger

Searching for happiness
Self-discovery
Does nothing right in eyes of dad and community
"Rebel"
Immoral spender

Older

Searching for happiness
Moral conformity
Attempts to do everything right in eyes of dad and community
Hardworking
Example: Law abiding
Sacrificial

Younger bro vs Older brother

Younger

Self-saviour
(Self-discovery)
ID: servant/condemnation

Demand riches
Fathers will is not on his heart

Older

Self-saviour
(Moral conformity)
ID: servant/obedient

Demand riches
Fathers will is not on his heart

Younger bro vs Older brother

Younger

Removed from dad
(by doing wrong)
Shame keeps him away
"I cant do anything right"

Selfish

Looking for acceptance
Fear/offence of older bro keeps him away from fathers house

Older

Removed from dad
(by doing "right")
Pride keeps him away
"but I have done everything right"

Selfish

Looking for acceptance
Judgement toward younger bro keeps him away from fathers feast

Younger bro vs Older brother

Younger

Fathers love
Go out to him
Invited to feast

Older

Fathers love
Go out to him
Invited to feast

neither slave nor free

Gal 3:22 But the Scripture imprisoned **everything** under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. :23 **Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.** 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

neither slave nor free

27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.** 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

First two parables purpose?

What is the difference between the first and last parable?

Lost sheep: "go after the one that is lost"

Lost coin: "seek diligently"

Who was supposed to go and look for the younger son?

Gen 4:9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"

Prodigal Father

1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Prodigal Father

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 **whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood,** to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

Prodigal Son

Mark 14:22 And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." 23 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. 24 And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, **which is poured out** for many.

Prodigal Son

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,