

SERMON NOTES

Luke 15

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Who Am I? Prodigal

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I. Introduction: Inclusive Language

- A. In regards to God's people
- B. In regards to referring to God

II. Father's Day

- A. What was your father like?
- B. Biblical images of God as the idea Father

III. Luke 15

- A. Who is the audience?

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

- B. The three parables about getting lost

- 1. The Lost Sheep—wanders away like who?
- 2. The Lost Coin—Is misplaced by another like who
- 3. The Lost Son—Defiantly storms off like who

- C. The Prodigal Son

- 1. What does "prodigal" as an adjective mean?
- 2. The state he found himself in—broke, hungry, cold
 - a. Through Western eyes
 - b. Through Eastern eyes
- 3. The confession: ***"Father, I have sinned against you and heaven. I'm no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as a hired servant."***
- 4. The father's response:

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. "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "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.

- 5. Who is the Prodigal one?

"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."

- 6. Will you come in and celebrate?