



Luke 15:11-32  
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## Stories

### The Younger Son

He was \_\_\_\_\_ . (verse 12)

He was \_\_\_\_\_ . (verses 12-13)

His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ get him in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(verses 14-16)

His destination was not a \_\_\_\_\_ - it was a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(verses 18, 20)

### The Father

He offered \_\_\_\_\_.  
(verses 20-22)

He \_\_\_\_\_!  
(verses 22-24)

### The Older Son



**Our Father forgives us.**  
Like the father in the story of the prodigal son,  
God rejoices when we return to Him.

### Questions to ponder, pray over, and discuss:

1. What stories continue to stick with you? Is there a story that has changed your life?
2. Who do you identify with more currently - the younger son, or the older son? Who are you more tempted to act like?
3. Share your story - talk about a time when you have felt the Father's embrace. What happened? What drew you away? What brought you back to the Father? Be bold in your sharing - your story may be the encouragement someone else needs to hear.
4. Read Titus 2:11-14 out loud. Connect different aspects of that passage to Jesus' parable. What does God's grace mean to you? How does having His grace change how you live?
5. Read the other two parables in Luke 15. Compare and contrast. What does Jesus use in the other parables to teach the Pharisees? What do you learn about God through those parables?
6. One of the biggest differences between the first two parables and the third one is the searching. In the first two parables, the person searches for the lost sheep, the lost coin. But in the third parable, the father allows his son to go and doesn't hunt him down. Talk about the different ways God interacts with us - sometimes He searches, and sometimes He allows us to wander away. Why is this? Use Scripture, Biblical stories, and personal stories to discuss.
7. Who are you praying will come back to their Father? Pray over these people together.