



June 19th, 2022 • Luke 15:11-32
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A Loving Father, Two Sinful Sons & a Joyful Celebration

1. Jesus is the Center of Attention

- Tax collectors & sinners were drawing near to Him
- Pharisees/scribes were grumbling
- He tells 3 parables with an increasing sense of loss (1/100 sheep; 1/10 coins; 1/2 sons)

2. Jesus' Parable of a loving Father & two sinful Sons

- the younger son is a prodigal who repents after reaping what he sowed (vs15-21)
- the loving father compassionately restores his younger son by grace & with a lavish celebration (vs20-24)

- the older son is self-righteous & enraged by his loving father's overflowing compassion & grace (vs25-30)

- the loving father earnestly pleads with & reassures his older son (& affirms their joyful celebration) (vs28-32)

3. Taking Jesus' Parable to Heart

- Have you experienced the loving, father-heart of God, & is the love of Christ flowing through us?
- If you're going the way of the prodigal or the self-righteous, are you ready to repent?
- Are we a church who joyfully celebrates & if so for what reasons?