

## Luke15:11-32 Be Careful In Apply in Parables To God

### ✦A covenant child wandering away from the faith.

- Trouble that he brought on himself.
- Anxiety of the parents.
  - ✦This is a prominent problem in believing families.
    - You have done your best you could do to train them in the right way,
      - Which is not perfect.
      - You have your own problems.
- But one child follows God, and one wanders away.

### ✦A parable is just a story to help us understand something.

- But Christ's parables are more, they are prophetic.
  - Matt 13 the Parable chapter.
    - ✦Jesus use of parables was not just to enlighten, but also to curse
      - Mat13:13 I speak in parables, because "while seeing they do not see, hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand." Isaiah 42:19-20
    - The Messiah finally came, but Israel was rejecting Him.
      - ✦So the Parables were the point at which they showed if they accepted Him or not.
        - The Fulcrum, the Nexus, the Focal Point.
      - The pharisees weren't just curious about the meaning when they asked questions,
        - ✦They rejected what Jesus was saying.
        - ✦Others accepted what He said.

### ✦Everything focused on this Anointed One.

- This parable is telling us about God. The God as a father.
  - ✦But you have to be careful when you apply it to God,
    - because what it says about God may not be everything about God.
- This Father couldn't do anything with his son, so he let him go.
  - So he gave him the money, and waited. That's all he could do."
    - ✦So some say, "Therefore, God is waiting for you to take the first step back to Him."
      - "God is just waiting for the sinner to respond."
    - ✦But we shouldn't reduce God down to this particular father.
      - But God is not stuck like this father.
      - God is not the image of an earthly father. Fathers are the image of God

### ✦God is always working behind the scenes.

- Ps 77 the Deliverance from Egypt
  - God was walking in the Red Sea waters.
    - ✦"Your heal mark was not known."
- Yacob = the grabber of the heal.
  - Yac = Deceiver
    - ✦Magicians are practiced in the art of deception.
      - You don't see what they are doing.
        - ✦They didn't see God in the Red Sea, but He was there.
- Ezek 37:4- another parable about the people of Israel, a valley of the dry bones
  - Talk to these dry bones... (does that work?)
  - The bones came together & recovered!
    - ✦God was working behind the scenes for His people.
    - Who was going to bring these bones together? did they do it by themselves?
    - How did the prodigal son suddenly come to his senses? God was working behind the scenes
    - ✦Phil 2:12 having talked about what Christ has done for us.
      - "Therefore work out your salvation with fear trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to do for His good pleasure."
      - It's not that you have to work out your salvation first.

- We are told to work it out because God is working behind you.

◆ **When we want our children to behave we are not just interested in the outward behavior.**

- Our Father in heaven is not constrained by limitations of influence on His son's like the father in the parable.
  - "This son of mine was dead, and now has come to live."
  - ◆ God did that. He can do that with our children also.
- Jesus was hanging out with the riff-raff.
  - OH NO! "They don't know how to act, they're going to ruin everything."
- There is a covenant promise for our children, so we can have hope.
  - They still have to believe themselves. It's not automatic. But God does decide.
- Our focus should be on what God can do.
  - God has promised to bring in multitudes.
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