



1. Never _____
(vv.25-28a)

Luke 15:25 "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, **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!' **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.'"
(ESV)

2. Get _____
(vv.28b-30)

3. Engage _____
(vv.31-32)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Read **Romans 1:13-15**. Even though Paul was a special emissary of the gospel as a divinely-appointed Apostle, what aspects of this kind of gospel "obligation" do all Christians share? In other words, what biblical case could you make to say that the "average Christian" is called to advance the gospel, not just preachers and missionaries?
2. Read **Romans 1:16**. What are some of the reasons you might be tempted to be ashamed of the gospel? How does one overcome these temptations?
3. Read **Luke 15:28-32**. Assuming you are not the unregenerate, estranged-from-the-father kind of person depicted by this resentful older brother in the parable, what are some of the ways a Christian might regrettably share in the self-focused mindset that prevents him from being engaged in evangelism and kingdom expansion?
4. Read **Jude 22-23**. How does this passage speak to the urgency of our call to care about the lost people around us?
5. Read **Acts 5:27-32**. What challenge or motivation do you derive from this passage concerning your resolve to be a good Ambassador of Christ to our generation?

*This Week's
Bible Reading Schedule*

December 4th
Dan.3-4 & 1Jn.3

December 5th
Dan.5-6 & 1Jn.4

December 6th
Dan.7-8 & 1Jn.5

December 7th
Dan.9-10 & 2Jn.

December 8th
Dan.11-12 & 3Jn.

December 9th
Hos.1-4 & Jude

December 10th
Hos.5-8 & Rev.1

December 11th
Hos.9-11 & Rev.2

Audio and video recordings of today's sermon will be available on the Compass website (CompassChurch.org). The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 16-31 – **Rediscovering the Joy of Evangelism**
Msg. 10-02 – **Team Evangelism**
Msg. 08-19 – **Joyful About the Progress of the Gospel**
Msg. 05-63 – **Getting Over Our Feelings to Share the Good News**
Msg. 15-07 – **Learning to Care About God's Field**
Msg. 15-08 – **Taking Risks to Reap for Christ**
Msg. 08-21 – **Unashamed of the Reproach of the Gospel**

*This Week's
Social Media Hashtag*

#TheJoyOfSalvation

For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Edwards, Jonathan. **Charity and Its Fruits**. Banner of Truth, 1969.
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Jeffery, Peter. **How Shall They Hear? Church-based Evangelism**. Evangelical Press, 1997.
Kroll, Woodrow. **Struggling with Selfishness: Choosing to Look Past Yourself**. Back to the Bible, 1996.
Little, Paul. **Know Why You Believe: A Clear Affirmation of the Reasonableness of the Faith**. Victor, 1987.
MacArthur, John, ed. **Evangelism: How to Share the Gospel Faithfully**. Thomas Nelson, 2011.
Nash, Ronald H. **Worldviews in Conflict: Choosing Christianity in a World of Ideas**. Zondervan, 1992.
Pearcy, Nancy. **Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity**. Crossway, 2008.
Peterson, Jim. **Living Proof: Sharing the Gospel Naturally**. NavPress, 1989.
Stowell, Joseph. **Eternity: Reclaiming a Passion for What Endures**. Chicago: Moody Press, 1995.
Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.
Wiersbe, Warren. **Living with the Giants: The Lives of Great Men of the Faith**. Baker Books, 1993.
Zigarelli, Michael. **Faith at Work: Overcoming the Obstacles of Being Like Christ in the Workplace**. Moody Press, 2000.