

Forest Hills Baptist Church

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Luke 15

Pastor Jim Lacy

Guest Preacher

“The Greatest Short Story Ever Written.”

- Mark Twain

Luke is about the recovery of “lost things”

-A lost sheep

-A lost coin

-A lost son

The Context ...

Jesus is criticized for welcoming
“sinners”

The lesson from the Chapter -

“God cares about lost things!”

The parable of the Prodigal son
is really the story of the Faithful
Father

- Luke 15:11-31

SCENE I

The Selfish Son

vs. 11-16

SCENE II

Repentance
vs. 17-19



SCENE III



The welcoming
Father

vs. 20-24

Jesus told known stories of His
day and changed the ending

SCENE IV

The attitude of the older
brother – vs. 25-30

“One Can Be Lost At Home”

SCENE V

The Father of Grace

- vs. 31-32

My story of a gracious father.....



He does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far
as the east is from the west, so far has He
removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear
Him

- Psalm 103: 10-13

Jesus knew what it was to
have Prodigals in His life

The high priority of caring for
the “lost”

Resources

- Prodigals and Those Who Love Them by Ruth Graham
- Loving a Prodigal by Norman Wright

A personal story of grief and joy

A final promise ...

“I will heal their waywardness
(backsliding) and love them freely, for my
anger has turned away from them.”

- Hosea 14:4

