

For the week of August 21, 2016
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There Was a Man Who Had Two Sons

Seventh week in the series "Stories of Welcome in the Gospel of Luke."

Luke 15:11-32

The parable of the Prodigal Son is a powerful account of stiff-necked sin and amazing grace. It is the story of two brothers, each of whom is focused on himself with dire consequences. They each had rejected the father whose love for them remained constant. Neither the immoral excess of the younger son nor bitter anger of the elder are unforgiveable. But the story ends without a resolution – so that hearers like us will examine ourselves.

Discussion Questions:

1. The younger son rejects his father in the harshest terms in order to pursue the party life. Have you ever wrecked a relationship for short-lived fun? What lessons were learned?
2. The younger son is welcomed home with a celebration, not a formal handshake and a stern demeanor. What should we learn from this?
3. The older son was so busy keeping track of his own righteousness and rewards he 'deserved' that he was unaware of how distant from his father he had become. Do you ever feel like God owes you more than you have received?
4. Do you believe that the Father loves you unconditionally?