

2. HOW DID THE _____ RECEIVE HIM?

A. Received him as a _____ not a servant

THE THREE GIFTS PROVE SONSHIP

The Prodigal got a robe — Authority

The Prodigal got a ring — Affection

The Prodigal got a shoes — Affirmation

THE PRODIGAL WAS ALWAYS HIS SON

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:” (John 1:12)

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3)

“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.” (John 3:6-7)

GOD IS NOT THE FATHER OF ALL MANKIND, HE IS THE CREATOR OF ALL MANKIND. YOU MUST RECEIVE THE SON JESUS TO GET INTO THE FAMILY.

B. Received him with _____ not caution

“Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.” (1 Corinthians 13:7)

C. Received him with _____ not regret

“And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.” (Jeremiah 18:4)

CONCLUSION



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REVIVAL: COMING HOME TO YOUR FATHER

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Text: Luke 15:17-24

“And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father’s have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, 19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. 20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. 21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. 22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: 23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.” (Luke 15:17-24)

INTRODUCTION

LUKE 15 DEALS WITH THREE LOST ITEMS:

- A sheep got lost naturally
- A coin got lost carelessly
- A son got lost willingly

ALL THREE WERE FOUND, HAD VALUE, HAD REJOICING
WHEN THEY WERE BACK WHERE THEY BELONGED.

TWO REVIVAL QUESTIONS:

1. WHY DID THE _____ GO HOME?

“And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. 15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. 17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father’s have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, 19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.” (Luke 15:14-19)

BECAUSE “HE CAME TO HIMSELF”

A. You come to yourself when you get _____ for God

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.” (Matthew 5:6)

“And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13)

“And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the Lord: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.” (Jeremiah 24:7)

YOU MUST AWAKEN AN APPETITE FOR GOD

B. You come to yourself when you get _____ with yourself

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8-9)

“Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.” (Job 42:6)

C. You come to yourself when you get _____

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.” (1 Peter 5:6)

“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.” (James 4:6)

HE TOOK RESPONSIBILITY AND TOTALLY RELIED ON
THE FATHER