



## SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 15:11-32 (NAS)

Topic: "God and His Wayward Sons"  
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- 11 And He said, "A man had two sons.
- 12 "The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.' So he divided his wealth between them.
- 13 "And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living.
- 14 "Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be impoverished.
- 15 "So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.
- 16 "And he would have gladly filled his stomach with the pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him.
- 17 "But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger!
- 18 'I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight;
- 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men."'
- 20 "So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.
- 21 "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'
- 22 "But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet;
- 23 and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;
- 24 for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate.
- 25 "Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.
- 26 "And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things could be.
- 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 became angry and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and began pleading with him.
- 29 "But he answered and said to his father, 'Look! For so many years I have been serving you and I have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends;
- 30 but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.'
- 31 "And he said to him, 'Son, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours.
- 32 'But we had to celebrate and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.'"