

# A Tale of Two Sons and a Dad

**Luke 15:11-32**

<sup>11</sup> And he said, “There was a man who had two sons.

<sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

<sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.

<sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

<sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!

<sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

<sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’”

<sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

<sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.

<sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.

<sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

<sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

<sup>27</sup> 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.’

<sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him,

<sup>29</sup> 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.

<sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’

<sup>31</sup> And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.’

<sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

# What is Repentance?

## **Acts 3:19-20 (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup> Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

<sup>20</sup> and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before,

Repentance – to think differently, consider your ways,  
A mind shift. Change of mind.

**Isaiah 1:18 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD,  
"Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as  
snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as  
wool.

Conversion – A heart change toward that sin or behavior.  
Turning from sin and turning to the Lord.

**Acts 3:19-21 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins  
may be blotted out,

# The Effects of Repenting and Turning

## 1. Sins are blotted out

### **1 John 1:9 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## 2. Refreshment from the presence of the Lord

### **Jeremiah 31:25 (ESV)**

<sup>25</sup> For I will satisfy the weary soul, and every languishing soul I will replenish.”