

Luke 15: 25-32

"Joy of Forgiveness"

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1. Introduction

a. Elder prodigal son

- different from younger prodigal son
- younger prodigal son very obvious in straying away from his family

b. But what about older son?

- he served his father faithfully
- never disobeyed his father
- BUT "you never celebrated me"
- UNFAIR!

c. How would you see this loving father?

- he looked for his younger son every day
- he rejoiced & gave his returning younger son a welcome celebration

2. What is a parable?

a. Parable is a story about everyday things

- story has teaching about God's Kingdom

b. Jesus gave well understood parables

3. Older Son's Reaction

a. He was faithfully working in his father's field

b. When he returned home, he heard the household celebrating

- no one told him about this
- he had to ask a servant
- why didn't his father tell him

3c. He got so angry that he would not go into the house

4. His father came outside to him

a. ~~His~~ His father begged him to come inside to celebrate

b. Older son complained to his father

- Where is my celebration feast?

- But look at him (younger brother)?

* your son!

* wasted your livelihood!

* look at him!

c. Older son highlighted his devotion to his father

- "I have served you these many years"

- "I have not broken your commands"

d. ~~Touch~~ Touch of bitterness with ~~his~~ ~~anger~~ his anger

5. Loving Father's Answer

a. Loving presence

- "You are always with me."

b. Loving reward

- "All that I have is yours."

c. But see the joy of return

- "Your brother was dead"

* "He is now alive"

- "He was lost"

* "and he is now found"

- "It is fitting that we should rejoice"

6. Conclusion

a. Younger brother has no inheritance

b. He also lost out in years of his father's life