



LOST AND FOUND

LUKE 15:11-32 BIBLE STUDY

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LUKE 15:11-12
CENTS/SENSE OF
ENTITLEMENT



11 Then [Jesus] said, "A man had two sons." 12
The younger [son] said to his father, "Father,
give me the share of the estate that I have
coming to me." (Lk 15:11-12a, AT)



LUKE 15:11-12
CENTS/SENSE OF
ENTITLEMENT



Honor your father and your mother so that your days will be lengthened in the land that the LORD [YHWH] your God is giving to you. (Ex 20:12, AT)



LUKE 15:11-12
CENTS/SENSE OF
ENTITLEMENT



So, the man divided his
life's assets between them.
(Lk 15:12b, AT)



LUKE 15:13-14
NO SENSE TO NO CENTS



Then, not many days afterwards, he gathered everything together and the younger son journeyed into a **distant country**. And there he squandered his estate by living recklessly.

(Lk 15:13, AT)



LUKE 15:13-14
NO SENSE TO NO CENTS



After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in need. (Lk 15:14, AT)



LUKE 15:15
PIG-FEEDIN'



So, he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed **pigs**.

(Lk 15:15, AT)



MARK 7:14-23
WHAT COMES OUT >
WHAT GOES IN



14 Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this.

15 Nothing outside a person can defile them by **going into** them. Rather, it is what **comes out** of a person that defiles them.” (Mk 7:14-15, NIV)



MARK 7:14-23
WHAT COMES OUT >
WHAT GOES IN



17 After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. 18 “Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? 19 For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.” **(In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)** (Mk 7:17-19, NIV)



MARK 7:14-23
WHAT COMES OUT >
WHAT GOES IN



20 He went on: “What **comes out** of a person is what defiles them. 21 For it is from **within**, out of a person’s **heart**, that **evil thoughts come**—sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22 adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. 23 **All these evils come from inside** and defile a person.”
(Mk 7:20-23, NIV)



LUKE 15:15
PIG-FEEDIN'



7 And the **pig**, though it has a divided hoof, does not chew the cud; it is unclean for you. 8 **You must not eat their meat or touch their carcasses; they are unclean for you.**

(Lev 11:7-8, NIV; cf. Dt 14:8)



LUKE 15:16
FEEDIN' ON PIG-FEED



And he would long to be filled with
the pods which the pigs were eating,
but no one would give him any.

(Lk 15:16, AT)



LUKE 15:17
EMPTY HEAD,
EMPTY STOMACH



When he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's day laborers abound with food, and here I am losing my life due to hunger!" (Lk 15:17, AT)



LUKE 15:17
EMPTY HEAD,
EMPTY STOMACH



The LORD [YHWH] does not let the righteous go hungry,

but he thwarts the craving of the wicked. (Pr 10:3, NIV)

Whoever disregards discipline comes to poverty and shame,

but whoever heeds correction is honored. (Pr 13:18, NIV)

The righteous eat to their hearts' content,

but the stomach of the wicked goes hungry. (Pr 13:25, NIV)



LUKE 15:18-19
REHEARSING YOUR LINES



18 “I will get up and go to my father and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against **Heaven** and before you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your day laborers.’”

(Lk 15:18-19, AT)



LUKE 15:18-19
REHEARSING YOUR LINES



You shall not take up the Name of the LORD
[YHWH] your God in vain. For the LORD
[YHWH] will not leave unpunished those who
take up His Name in vain. (Ex 20:7, AT)



LUKE 15:20
EMBRACE OF GRACE
NO DIGNITY, NO DOUBT



So, he got up and came to his father. But when he was still a far distance away, his father saw him and was deeply moved with compassion. [His father] **ran and threw his arms around his neck and kissed him.** (Lk 15:20, AT)



LUKE 15:20
EMBRACE OF GRACE
NO DIGNITY, NO DOUBT



To have a **fool for a child** brings **grief**;
there is **no joy** for the **parent of a godless fool**.

(Pr 17:21, NIV)

A **foolish son** brings **grief** to his father
and **bitterness** to the **mother** who bore him.

(Pr 17:25, NIV; cf. Pr 10:1, 19:18, 26, 20:20, 22:15; 23:22-25, 28:24)



LUKE 15:20
EMBRACE OF GRACE
NO DIGNITY, NO DOUBT



But Esau **ran** to meet Jacob and embraced him; he **threw his arms around his neck** and **kissed him**. And they wept. (Gen 33:4, NIV)

So, he got up and came to his father. But when he was still a far distance away, his father saw him and was deeply moved with compassion. [His father] **ran** and **threw his arms around his neck** and **kissed him**. (Lk 15:20, AT)



LUKE 15:21
TRUE CONFESSION?



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." (Lk 15:21, AT; cf. Num 21:7)



LUKE 15:21
TRUE CONFESSION?



16 **Pharaoh** quickly summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “I have sinned against the **LORD [YHWH]** your God and against you. 17 Now forgive my sin once more and pray to the **LORD [YHWH]** your God to take this deadly plague away from me.”

(Ex 10:16-17, NIV)



LUKE 15:22-23
GUEST OF HONOR



But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out a robe – the **best** one – and put it on him, and give him a ring for his hand and sandals for his feet." (Lk 15:22, AT)



LUKE 15:22-23
GUEST OF HONOR



“And bring the calf – the **fattened** one. Slay it, and let us eat and celebrate.” (Lk 15:23, AT)



LUKE 15:24
LOST AND FOUND



Because this son of mine was **dead** and came **back to life**, he was **lost** and has been **found**.” And they began to celebrate. (Lk 15:24, AT)



LUKE 15:25-27
PARTY TIME



Now his son – the eldest one – was in the field. And as he came and approached the house, he heard the sounds of musical instruments and dancing. (Lk 15:25, AT)



LUKE 15:25-27
PARTY TIME



26 So, he summoned one of the servants and inquired as to what all that could be about. 27 And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father killed the calf – the fattened one – because he got him back safe and sound." (Lk 15:26-27, AT)



LUKE 15:28-30
PARTY POOPER



But he became angry and did not want to go in. (Lk 15:28a, AT)

So his father went out and **pleaded** with him. (Lk 15:28b, AT)



LUKE 15:28-30
PARTY POOPER



29 But [the older son] said to his father, "Look! I have been **slaving** so many years for you and never did I disobey one of your commands. Yet, never did you give me a young goat so that I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this **son of yours** – who devoured your life assets with prostitutes – came, for him you kill the fattened calf! (Lk 15:29-30, AT)



LUKE 15:31-32
LOST AND FOUND



And he said to him, “[My] child, you are always with me and everything of mine is yours.”

(Lk 15:31, AT)

“But it was necessary to celebrate and rejoice, because this **brother of yours** was **dead** and has **come to life**; he was **lost** and has been **found**.”

(Lk 15:32, AT)



LUKE 15:1-2
TEACHABLE MOMENT



1 Now the **tax collectors** and **sinners** were all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But the **Pharisees** and the **teachers of the law** muttered, “**This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.**” (Lk 15:1-2, NIV)



LUKE 15:3-7 LOST SHEEP



3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 “Suppose one of you has a **hundred sheep** and **loses one** of them. Doesn’t he **leave the ninety-nine** in the open country and go after the **lost sheep** until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘**Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.**’ 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more **rejoicing** in heaven over **one sinner who repents** than over **ninety-nine** righteous persons who do not need to repent.

(Lk 15:3-7, NIV)



LUKE 15:8-10
LOST COIN



8 “Or suppose a woman has **ten** silver coins and **loses one**. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘**Rejoice with me**; I have found my **lost coin**.’ 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is **rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.**” (Lk 15:8-10, NIV)