

**The Book Of Luke**  
**Lesson -8 The Mission of Jesus**

**Memory Verse**    **Hand Out Scriptures to read**

**Luke 19:10 (NKJV)** *“The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost”.*

**The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin**

**Luke 15:4-7 (NKJV)** *“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ <sup>7</sup> I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.*

**\*Isaiah 53:6 (NKJV)** *All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

In 1914 at the outbreak of WWI, James Brown he left his wife back in Staffordshire with their Terrier, Prince, and set off to France to fight on the front. On the 27th of September, Brown’s wife telegraphed him to tell him that their beloved Prince had gone missing. Private Brown wasn’t too worried upon receiving the letter. Prince had already happily joined his master in the trenches of France, to take on the Germans.

**Parable of the Lost Coin**

**Luke 15:8-10 (NKJV)** *“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!’ <sup>10</sup> Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”*

So the sinner sinks deeper and deeper into the impurities of sin, loses even his character among men, and gets the image and superscription of his Maker defaced from his heart. **Sabbath was one of ten.**

- Malcolm Muggeridge wrote: “The true purpose of our existence in this world, which is, quite simply, to look for God, and, in looking, to find Him, and, having found Him, to love Him, thereby establishing a harmonious relationship with His purposes for His creation.”

**The Parable of the Lost Son: Part 1**

“Grab and Go” (**Luke 15:11-32**)

Older son gets a double portion

**\*Proverbs 20:21 (NKJV)** *An inheritance gained hastily at the beginning Will not be blessed at the end.*

This story covers everyone here. The one who left, the one who stayed, and the one who left and came home. God, Us, others, the pigpen, the devil the world and the fathers house or heaven.

**The Parable of the Lost Son: Part 2**

“The return home” (**Luke 15:17-20**)

A colleague asked, “Daniel Webster, will you tell me what was the most important thought you ever had?” Following a brief silence, he confidently replied, “The most serious thought that ever occupied my mind was that of my individual responsibility to God.”

**Lost Opportunities**

Luke 16:19-31 Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

**Was Blind but Now I See**

**One Father Two Sons**

**Luke 15:11, 12** *Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. "And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.'*

**Mal 2:10** *Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us?*

Why did he leave? He wanted to get away from his Father and brother. No more sharing no more rules he would be his own boss.

**Estate Planning**

**Luke 15:12** *...So he divided to them his livelihood.*

According to Jewish law, a father who had two sons was to leave 2/3 of his estate to his older son and 1/3 to his younger son.

It was not that unusual in the east for sons to demand and receive their portion of the inheritance during their father’s lifetime;

**2 Kings 20:1** 'Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.'

**The Father Gave the younger son what he requested.**

God will sometimes grant our selfish misguided prayers. “Give us Quail.” Sometimes children can be very cruel to their parents. They want everything they can get from their parents but they don't want them. The prodigal son wanted his father’s inheritance but not his father. Are we like that. We want every good and perfect gift of God, but not God.

### Take The Money And Run

On August 20, 1989, Lyle and Erik Menendez murdered their parents then went on a lavish spending spree.

He did not want his Father, just his goods.

Why did Adam and Eve run from the Father. The Father has not left us.

### Wasted Possessions

**Luke 15:13**...*wasted his possessions with prodigal living.*

(NASB) *...he squandered his estate with loose living.*

**Proverbs 6:26** *For on account of a harlot one is reduced to a loaf of bread, And an adulteress hunts for the precious life.*

**Proverbs 21:17** *He who loves pleasure will become a poor man; He who loves wine and oil will not become rich.*

**Proverbs 23:19-21** *Hear, my son, and be wise; And guide your heart in the way. Do not mix with winebibbers, Or with gluttonous eaters of meat; For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, And drowsiness will clothe a man with rags.*

**Isaiah 55:2** *Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance.*

Who paid the expense for the son's folly. The Father did.

### A Famine Arose

God often sends trouble to save us. Elijah prayed it would not rain.

**James 5:17** *Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; The love of God still yearns over the one who has chosen to separate from Him, and He sets in operation influences to bring him back to the Father's house. - C.O.L. pg 200*

**Proverbs 14:20** *The poor man is hated even by his own neighbor, But the rich has many friends.*

### The Pig Pen

**Matthew 7:6** *"Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.*

**2 Peter 2:22** *But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."*

**Numbers 32:23** *But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out.*

### Coming To His Senses

**Luke 15:17** *"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!*

It's like the man who was feeding people hot dogs on the streets of New York when he discovered he was heir to a fortune he walked away from his hot dog stand with not so much as a glance back.

### Bread In The Father's House

**Luke 15:17** *my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare,*

There is still plenty of bread in the Father's house, and to spare. When Jesus feeds the multitudes there are always leftovers.

Jesus is the Bread in the Father's House. Plenty to spare, enough to cover the sins of the world.

**Confession** "And I will say..."

**\*Hosea 14:1, 2** *O Israel, return to the LORD your God, For you have stumbled because of your iniquity; Take words with you, And return to the LORD. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity; Receive us graciously, For we will offer the sacrifices of our lips.*

### Reception

**Luke 15:20-23** *"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.*

In the story, the father does not go to the distant country hunting for his son. He will not save him against his will. He will let him go until he has discovered for himself that the emptiness of the world.

The father did not say "clean up and I will receive you." He embraced him as he was. Those who deserve love the least need it the most.

Look at how ready the Father is to receive and entertain sinners.

**James 4:8** *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.*

**Heb 10:22** *let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*

**1 Chr 28:9** *"If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.*

**Mal 3:7** *Yet from the days of your fathers You have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept them. **Return to Me,** and I will return to you," Says the LORD of hosts.*

### Rejoicing

**Luke 15:23- 25** *'And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.*

**Luke 15:6** *"And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!'*

**Luke 15:9, 10** *"And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!' "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

### Resistance

The older brother represents the nation of Israel. The Scribes and Pharisees, murmured at the conversion of the publicans and sinners; It is a sad thing to die of starvation while in sight of a banquet.

### Law and Love

The younger son was frustrated by the fathers law  
the older son was frustrated by the father's love.

One thought the father was too legalistic the other thought the father too forgiving.

**Romans 8:38-39** *For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*"I will arise and go to my Father."* How can we remain content to feed pigs when we are heirs to our Fathers priceless fortune. We will forget about longing for pig food when we taste the bread in our Fathers House.

Someone once asked Susanna Wesley which one of her 11 children she loved the most. She wisely replied, "I love the one who's sick until he's well, and the one who's away until he comes home."

You cannot be a Christian in the full sense and remain away from the Fathers House. One of the ways we demonstrate to the world that we are Christians is by our love for one another

Feeling footloose and frisky, a feather brained fellow forced his fond father to fork over the farthings and flew to foreign fields and frittered his fortune feasting fabulously with faithless friends.

Fleeced by his fellows in folly and facing famine, he found himself a feed flinger in a filthy farm. Fairly famishing, he fain would have filled his frame with foraged food from fodder fragments. "Fooley, my fathers flunkies fare far finer!"

The frazzled fugitive forlornly fumbled, frankly facing facts. He fled forthwith to his family. Falling at his father's feet, he forlornly fumbled. "Father, I've flunked and fruitlessly forfeited family favor."

The farsighted father, forestalling further future flinching, frantically flagged the flunkies to fetch a fatling from the flock and fix a feast.

The fugitive's faultfinding brother frowned on fickle forgiveness of the former fool.

But the faithful father figured "Filial fidelity is fine, but the fugitive is found! What forbids fervent festivity? Let flags be unfurled! Let fanfares flair!"