



PRODIGAL

The Older Brother • Prodigal, Part 2

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"The Return of the Prodigal Son" could also be called "Lost Boys".

- The scary and very real possibility of being "lost at home".
- Homecomings are complicated... chock-full of choices

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Luke 15:22-32

THE MOVEMENT OF THE OLDER BRO IS A SLOW DRIFT —

Most of us spend part of our journey in this "distant land".

- ✓ "I can't believe Dad gave 1/3 of our property to that little _____!"
- ✓ Family business becomes "working for you"
[Beware of "serving God"]
- ✓ Doing stuff WITH the Father becomes "slaving"
- ✓ Joyful obedience becomes "obeying YOUR commands"
- ✓ HE becomes IT

MOVEMENT BACK

1. Protecting our heart easily becomes "hardening our heart".

TIP: This week, give thanks for God's generosity when you spot it in others.

2. TURN from EARN

TIP: Ask God to restore your joy.

3. "JUDGE NOT"... CELEBRATE LOTS

TIP: Take a break from analyzing and just savor God's invitation to return.

HEAR THE FATHER SAYING: "I am the party."



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- ✓ Family business becomes _____
[Beware of _____]
- ✓ Doing stuff WITH the Father becomes _____
- ✓ Joyful obedience becomes _____
- ✓ _____ becomes _____

MOVEMENT BACK

1. _____ our heart easily becomes _____.

TIP: This week, give thanks for _____
when you _____.

2. TURN from _____

TIP: Ask God to _____.

3. " _____ NOT" ... _____

TIP: Take a break from analyzing and just _____.

HEAR THE FATHER SAYING: _____