



CROSSROADS

Community Church

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THE FATHER'S HEART

Part 1

OPEN ARMS

There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the estate." So he divided his property between them. Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants." So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate.

Luke 15:11-24

IN THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON JESUS REVEALS THAT GOD'S GREAT LOVE FOR EACH OF US IS SEEN IN HIS...

1. ...SENSITIVE _____!

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Luke 15:11-12

(Luke 15:28)

2. ...AMAZING _____!

Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

Luke 15:13-16

(Luke 15:31)

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3. ...INCREDIBLE _____!

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Luke 15:17-20

(Luke 15:29-30)

4. ...GREAT _____!

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him...

Luke 15:20

5. ...OPEN _____!

...he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

Luke 15:20

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6. ...UNBELIEVABLE _____!

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Luke 15:21-24

(Luke 15:32)

<p>BUT GOD ISN'T GOING TO _____ US TO _____ TO HIM! IT IS UP TO US TO DECIDE HOW WE WILL _____!</p>
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Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Luke 15:2