

THE STORY



NO ORDINARY MAN

Luke 15

God is obsessed with finding lost people
and welcoming them home.

1. THE LOST _____. **Luke 15:1-7**

"In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away."

2. THE LOST _____. **Luke 15:8-10**

"In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents."

3. THE LOST _____. **Luke 15:11-14**

This story is about two brothers.

One who knew _____.

The other, who _____.

Repentance is making an intentional turn

_____.

When you turn to the Father, _____.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- You can know all about the Father without having a relationship with the Father.
- The younger son illustrates the deception of sin. The older son illustrates the deception of religion.
- God is always running towards you. God has more grace than your sin.

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Sermon on October 2, 2022

Chapter 24 – No Ordinary man

Getting to Know Me

1. Were you an only child, or did you have siblings? If you were an only child, what did you like best, or hate the most, about being the only one? If you had siblings, what did you like best, or hate the most, about having siblings?
2. Do you have a favorite parable of Jesus? Which one and why does it speak to you?

Digging Deeper

1. As you read Chapter 24 in The Story, what stood out to you about Jesus? Did anything about Jesus' character or purpose hit you in a new way?
2. Read together Luke 15:11-19. How would you describe the character of the younger son? Where do you see those character traits in our world today? In yourself? Do you find anything admirable about the younger son?
3. Why do you think the younger son wanted it all "now"? Do we ever behave this way before God? Do you think the younger son ever wished his father had not given him what he'd asked of him?
4. How did the younger son express his repentance?

5. Read together Luke 15:20-24. How would you describe the character of the father?
6. What does the father's reaction to his son tell us about our heavenly Father?
7. Read together Luke 15:25-32. How is the older son equally lost but in a different way?
8. What do you think about the way the story ended?

Where Do I Go from Here?

1. Was there anything Pastor Bill said that inspired you, or challenged you, to take action in your life? How do you want to grow or change because of Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son?
2. Do you see yourself as the younger son, who has run away from God? Or the older brother who knows God, but his heart is hard? Or as another, outside the family seeking to know this generous Father God?
3. Do you have people in your life who are running from God? How does this parable give you hope?

Prayer

God, you are a lavish and generous God. You meet us where we stand. You wait for us when we run. You give. Help us be like the younger son and return to you. Open our hard hearts to know and celebrate you. Open our eyes to see you, your love and grace, every day.

"We exist to glorify God by guiding people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ."

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The other, who didn't know he too was lost.

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