

The Ark on Zoom: The Stories Jesus Told.



The Son Story of the Lost Son (Luke 15 11-32)

The Livability Bible

Jesus continued, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger son spoke to his father. He said, 'Give me my share of the family property.' So the father divided the property between his two sons.

Not long after that, the younger son packed up all he had. Then he left for a country far away. There he wasted his money on wild living. Then the whole country ran low on food. So, the son didn't have what he needed. He went to work for someone who lived in that country. That person sent the son into the fields to feed the pigs. The son wanted to fill his stomach with the food the pigs were eating. But no one gave him anything.

Then he began to think clearly again. He said "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough food! But I am dying of hunger! I will go back to my father and I will say to him "Father, I have sinned against heaven and I have sinned against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" So he got up and went to his father.

"While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him. He was filled with tender love for his son. He ran to him. He 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 fit 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 fattest calf and kill. Let's have a feast and celebrate. This son of mine was dead. And now he is alive again! He was lost. And now he is found!' So they began to celebrate.

"The elder son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. So he called out to one of the servants and asked what was going on. 'Your brother has come home', the servant replied. 'Your father has killed the fattest calf. He has done this because your brother is back safe and sound.'

"The older brother became angry. He refused to go in. So his father went out and begged him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've worked like a slave for you. I have always obeyed your orders. You never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But this son of yours, who wasted your money with some prostitutes. Now he comes home. And for him you kill the fattest calf!'

'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me. Everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad. This brother of yours was dead. And now he is alive again. He was lost. And now he is found.'"