

Sermon Notes | **with** - Luke 15

Opening Context

Luke 15:1-2 ¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

The Two Sons

1. We Are Prone to Wander

Luke 15:11-16 ¹¹And he said, "There was a man who had two **sons**. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he **squandered** his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be **in need**. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and **no one gave him anything**.

2. God Is Prone to Give Grace

Luke 15:17-24 ¹⁷"But when **he came to himself**, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and **I will say to him**, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his **father saw him** and **felt compassion**, and **ran** and **embraced** him and **kissed** him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

3. The Self-Righteous Are Prone to Resentment

Luke 15:25-32 ²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was **angry** and **refused to go in**. His father came out and **entreated him**, ²⁹but he answered his father, '**Look**, these many years **I have served you**, and I

never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when **this son of yours** came, who has **devoured your property with prostitutes**, you killed the **fattened calf** for him!' ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, **you are always with me**, and **all that is mine is yours**. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'

Big Idea: **Jesus is our home**

How to Come Home

- Repentance
- Gratitude
- Communion

Reflection

1. Where are you looking for love?
2. In your own words confess that you want your Father's stuff more than your Father.
3. Tell Jesus that you want to make Him your home and do life with Him.

Discussion Questions | **with** - Luke 15

Questions

- What did God speak to you this weekend?

Read Luke 15:1–10

- In what ways do you see that God has gone to great lengths to bring you home?

Read Luke 15:11–32

- What does it mean to wander, and how have you wandered from God in your own life?
- How has God shown you grace in your life?
- In what ways have you been tempted to feel resentful when others experience God's grace?
- What are one or two things you can do this month to grow in feeling at home with Jesus?