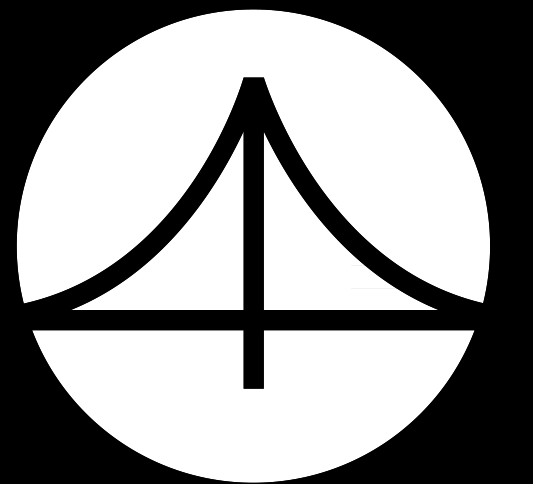


# Parables of Jesus in Luke: The Father's Welcome

Luke 15:11-32







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**The Father rejoices when any son comes home.**

- **A Request for the Father**
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- **The Father and You**

# A Request for the Father

- Why does the father give his son the money?
- For him, money was a tool God gave him for the sake of loving the people around him and helping them become the people God wanted them to be
- How would we use money differently if we saw it as a tool for teaching our kids to live for Jesus?

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# The Father and Younger Son

- The son blows through the money in no time
- The church is meant to be the safe place for people to run to when they hit rock bottom
- The father sees the son, feels compassion, and moves toward him
- In the father's house, there's nothing you can do and nowhere you can go that makes you unwelcome when you come home

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# The Father and Older Son

- He refuses to go into the party
- So the father comes out to invite him in
- The story ends on a cliffhanger: Will the older brother join the party?



# The Father and You

- Jesus puts His entire audience (and you and me) into the story
- The open questions at the end of the story are meant to be answered by the audience in their own lives
- Jesus didn't come to fill the world with good moral people, He came to bring lost people home to God

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