



The Younger Brother, aka “The Prodigal Son”

Luke 15

11 And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. 12 And 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. 13 Not 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.** 14 And when he had **spent everything,** a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16 And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and **no one gave him anything.**

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! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19 **I am no longer worthy to be called your son.** Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ 20 And 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.** 21 And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22 But 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.** 23 And **bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.** 24 For this **my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.**’ And they began to celebrate.

The Son's Response

1. Nonchalance?
2. Shame?
3. Arrogantly?
4. Humbly?

What is your Response?

1. Are you in any way like this son?
2. How do you view yourself?
3. How do you view God?
4. Can you fathom his love for you?
5. Do you respond in humility to it, or do you continually try and earn it? Why?

We will tackle “The Older Brother” some other time!

For today, please see the points of application with this brother.