



## #2 Where Are You Coming From?

### ACT II – The Older Son

**Luke 15:25** “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And 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.’ <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but 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. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

#### THE LESSONS:

1. There are **TWO KINDS** of lostness!

REBELLION	RELIGION
Being <b>BAD</b>	Being <b>‘GOOD’</b>
Breaking the <b>RULES</b>	Keeping the <b>RULES</b>
Disobeying	Obedying
Non-conformity	Conformity
<b>FREEDOM!</b>	<b>JUSTICE!</b>
<b>IMMORALITY</b>	<b>MORALITY</b>
Being lazy	Working hard
<b>VISIBLE</b> sin	<b>INVISIBLE</b> sin
<b>USES</b> people	<b>JUDGES</b> people
Unrighteous	Self-righteous

#### Ten Things You’ll Never Hear From an ‘Older Brother’...

- I was wrong
- I haven’t been doing my fair share
- I’m getting way more than I deserve
- You’re better than I am
- I want to learn from you
- It doesn’t really matter if we do it my way
- My heart weeps over your misfortune
- Your success is my joy
- I love it when God blesses idiots
- I’m all about celebrating God’s scandalous grace to undeserving sinners

#### Shared traits...

- a. Both were **RESENTFUL** towards the Father
  - b. Both felt **ENTITLED** to better treatment
  - c. Both were **USING** the Father instead of **LOVING** Him
2. God loves both **REBELS** AND **RELIGIOUS** people, and deeply desires both to come home to Him.
  3. God is exceedingly **GLAD** when sinners of any kind repent and come back home to Him.
  4. There’s a **THIRD SON** in the story, and He must not be ignored.

#### THE THIRD SON...

##### BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Mark 15        | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Ephesians 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Mark 16        | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Ephesians 4   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Ephesians 1   | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: Ephesians 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Ephesians 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Ephesians 6   |

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