



The Satisfying Love of the Father!

July 28, 2024 – Luke 15

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The Meaning of the Parables

1. The religious leaders were **complaining** that Jesus was **welcoming** people that they considered the worst of the worst.
2. In each parable there is a **progressive** stat line.
3. Each Parable has a common main point... **Celebration** is called for when a sinner repents of his or her sin and becomes a Kingdom citizen.
4. What are the messages Jesus is making clear to those listening?
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 - a. There is a message to the **religious** leaders that culminates with The Parable of the Lost Son.

Message: Instead of complaining about sinners drawing near to hear the message of the kingdom from a welcoming rabbi, they should be celebrating over those that may repent causing a rippling effect of rejoicing in the heavens.

- b. There is a message to us about the deep **love** of God.

Message: God loves you so deeply that He celebrates when those who have turned their back on God, turn to Him in repentance.

- c. There is a message to us about where you find lasting peace and **satisfaction** in this life.

Message: The Father is completely enough for you!

The Implications

1. Your **attitude** toward “sinners” who come to church searching for answers will be a reflection of how well you have internalized the Gospel.
2. God **loves** you and wants a relationship with you for all eternity.
3. God is **enough** for His creation.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is a common features of all three parables in Luke 15? How do you think they tie in together?
2. Why do you think that the parable of the Lost Son is longer and in greater detail?
3. What are some of the messages Jesus is sending to those who are hearing Him teach?
4. What message sticks out to you from the parable of the lost Son? Why?
5. Are you more like the religious leaders or like Jesus when “sinners” come into the church? Explain your answer.
6. What action are you going to take as a result of what God’s Word teaches?

Next Steps:

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be down front after the service and would love to connect.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pj@fbclowell.org.
3. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

July 2024				
Week 1 Starting July 1	Week 2 Starting July 8	Week 3 Starting July 15	Week 4 Starting July 22	Week 5 Starting July 29
Day 1: Exodus 7	Day 1: Exodus 12	Day 1: Exodus 17	Day 1: Exodus 22	Day 1: Exodus 27
Day 2: Exodus 8	Day 2: Exodus 13	Day 2: Exodus 18	Day 2: Exodus 23	Day 2: Exodus 28
Day 3: Exodus 9	Day 3: Exodus 14	Day 3: Exodus 19	Day 3: Exodus 24	Day 3: Exodus 29
Day 4: Exodus 10	Day 4: Exodus 15	Day 4: Exodus 20	Day 4: Exodus 25	Day 4: Exodus 30
Day 5: Exodus 11	Day 5: Exodus 16	Day 5: Exodus 21	Day 5: Exodus 26	Day 5: Exodus 31

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

John 10:11-16 (NIV)

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