

**AGAPE HOUSE OF WORSHIP**  
**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

**Study Series: Speaking in Parables**

**Wednesday, April 26th, 2023.**

**Lesson 12: Parable of the Prodigal son**  
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**SCRIPTURE Text: Luke 15:11-32 , 1Corinthians13v1-7**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The parable of the prodigal son is perhaps one of the most well-known parables mentioned in Scripture. Jesus tells this parable shortly after a group of Pharisees and scribes complained about how Jesus was fraternizing with tax collectors and sinners. Jesus responded to their criticisms with the parable of the lost sheep, loss coin and loss son {prodigal son} demonstrating His willingness to pursue sinners. Not only does it paint a picture of God's love for us, but it also demonstrates how we should love our brothers and sisters in Christ. This parable also shows a relationship between a father and His Sons and more.

There are 3 major characters involved in the parable

1. The Father
2. The Prodigal Son
3. The Second son

#### **1. The prodigal son/lost son.**

Who is the prodigal?

- One who spends money or resources freely and recklessly. rashly or wastefully extravagant.
- Prodigal means having or giving something on a lavish scale.
- One who wastes his Soul on fruitless effort.

**Questions** 1.Describe the features of the prodigal son from the Parable. Luke 15:11-20 , John 15:4

2.What is inheritance from the parable? John 3:16, Luke 19:10, John 9:10.

3.What made the son return back to the father? Luke 15 :17. 1 Corinthians 13:1-7,John 1:12.

4.What does " come to his senses" mean? 2 Corinthians 7:9–10

5.If there was no famine will the son return back? Galatians 5 :19

6. Can a believer be a prodigal son?

## **2. THE FATHER- GOD**

**Questions** :1. Who is the father ? God Almighty

2. Why did the father accept the son back? John 3:16. 1 John 1:9, Romans 5:8, 1 John 4:9-10

3. Which son did he love most? 1 Chronicles 16:34

The Father in this story is God. God's love for us does not depend on our faithfulness; it is unconditional. He loved us while we were still sinners. Though we are demanding and do not remain faithful, God is still our faithful and loving Father. When we come to repent of our sins, He is willing to forgive us and welcomes us with open arms.

"...I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you." — Jeremiah 31:3 (NRSVCE)

## **3.THE SECOND SON**

**Questions**

1.How can you describe the second son?

2. What was his mindset about his father and His brother's situation? Luke 15:29-30, Proverbs 23 :7

3. Why was he angry? Luke 15:28.

4. How should he have reacted? If you are the one, how will you react? Philipians 2v3-7 .. Jesus' reaction.

### **Lessons from the Parable of the Prodigal Son**

- The love of God never fails to seek after us no matter how far we have gone. His love never gives up.Luke 15:13-19.
- Every sin is always against God, while it may also be against other people. The prodigal son fully admitted both.That is repentance Psalm 51:4, Luke 15:20-21.
- Sin takes you away from the father but can not stop the father from loving you.You can never out-sin God's forgiveness.Luke 15:17-19.
- It takes a relationship to access the blessings, not a slave mindset. Mathew 6:33.
- Understanding the love of the Father helps you treat others rightly. 1 Corinthians 13:1-7,Colossians 3:1-7
- Don't be angry at your brothers returning. Everything works together for good.

### **Conclusion:**

The Father's love is always running after us his children. God does not and will not condemn his children Romans 8:1-2.So we must not condemn our fellow brethren. Love is the language of God's kingdom. Prayer: Ephesians 3v17-19

