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SANCTUARY; THE GOD  
OF ISRAEL GIVES  
POWER AND STRENGTH  
TO HIS PEOPLE.  
PRAISE BE TO GOD!  
-PSALMS 68:35

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# THE PRODIGAL SON

## LUKE 15





<sup>1</sup>Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. <sup>2</sup> This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such despicable people – even eating with them.

- Luke 15:1-2 (NLT)



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The audience : outcasts and  
the religious.

tax collectors and "sinners"... Pharisees  
and the teachers vs. 1-2



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Luke 15:10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”



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# The story of the two sons

*The younger brother.* vs. 11-24

- a. I'm outta here!
- b. The party's over and only pigs and pods are left.
- c. Repentance and the journey home.
- d. Robes, rings and restoration.
- e. It's PARTY TIME!



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# The story of the two sons

*The older brother.* vs. 25-32

- a. Angry with dad's generosity (*Look You!*).
- b. Slaving & Obedience = You OWE ME!
- c. This son of yours...



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# The story of the two sons

*Unconventional father.* vs. 12; 20; 22-24; 28 & 31

- a. He divides up the estate.
- b. Runs to embrace his son.
- c. Pleads with older son.



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# *Digging Deeper:*

1. Here are the two often traveled paths of fulfillment: self discovery and moral conformity. The road less traveled: Loving God for who He is and embracing His grace.



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# Digging Deeper:

2. Forgiveness is not free.

3. Is there another “older brother” in the story?

4. The kingdom of God is a PARTY!



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## Take away:

1. We all need to confess and return.
2. Never give up praying for others.
3. How do you finish the story?



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