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SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:17-24

But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.'

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Introductions:

- Share about yourself: what is the farthest you've ever been from home?

Scripture Reflection:

- What do we learn about God (traits, personality, priorities) in this passage?
- What do we learn about people, and ourselves in particular, this week?

Sermon Reflection:

- As you heard the story of the prodigal son/s, which son did you identify with more, the younger or the elder? Why?
- How does the portrayal of the Father align with, challenge, or expand your view of what God is like?
- Josh mentioned that rather than debate and argue with the Pharisees and scribes, Jesus tells a story. What does that say about Jesus? How might that be instructive for the conflicts of our days?
- When have you received grace like the younger son? When have you been critical like the older brother?

Closing Question & Application:

- Given our discussion, how might God want you to apply your learning in your life or in your community in the next week? Who might you share this with?

Prayer Partners:

- This week have everyone in the group pair off. Allow a few minutes for each person to ask their partner "for what and whom do you need prayer right now?" Allow a few minutes for each person to share with their partner. Then pray for each other. Have a leader watch the clock so that each person prays for 3-4 minutes for their partner then tell them to switch. When everyone is done, say the Lord's Prayer together and go in peace! *Zoom group: you can either have folks call each other on the phone or just do this as a group.*

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