

## An Encounter With Jesus' Dad!

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Luke 15: 11-32

### SUMMARY:

In this encounter with Jesus we find him telling three short stories to a crowd made up of two extreme groups of people. The one group were the social outcasts called publicans (tax collectors) and sinners. The other group were the religious elite Pharisees. The three stories are of a lost sheep, a lost coin and two lost sons. The shepherd finds the sheep and brings it home, a woman turns her house upside down to find the lost coin, but the Father stays at home and waits for his two lost sons. One who was lost to find his way home and one who was home to see himself as lost. The way home is paved with the father's riches-**this is grace!** The way home is found when we turn and receive the Father's grace-**this is redemption!**

### NOTES:

### DISCUSSION POINTS:

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- As you think of these two lost sons which one do you identify with most?
- How did the Father show both sons grace?
- Have you had the feeling of being spiritually lost in your journey to the Father? Which one - Lost in your brokenness or lost in your own goodness?"

### APPLICATION:

1. Tell a friend what you learned about your lost-ness. It will remind you how tough it is to admit your need for directions!
2. Read the whole chapter of Luke 15.
3. Think about how you have responded to your Heavenly Father.

### ON YOUR OWN...

Scripture References:

John 1:14-17 – look for grace

Romans 5:14-21 – more grace

Ephesians 2:8-9 – free grace