

Bible Focus Luke 15:11-32

11Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. 12The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. 13"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. 17"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' 20So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 21"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'^[a] 22"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. 25"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. 26So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 27'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' 28"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' 31" 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' "

THE WORD OF THE LORD! **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

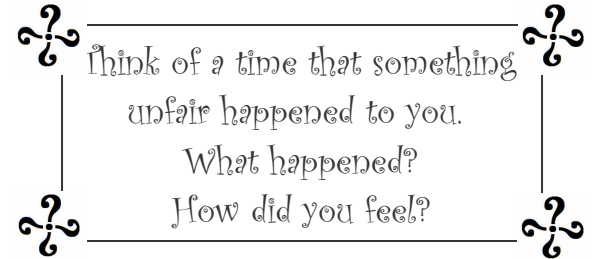
The Family Table Devos

"Families practicing the presence of God with the Word of God on the week of March 18th"

Share your **HIGHS**



and **LOWS!**



1. What did the younger son want his father to do for him?
2. What did the younger son do when he was finally out on his own?
3. Later, why did the younger son have to get work?
4. What made the younger son decide to go home again?
5. How did the father act when the younger son came home?
How else could he have acted?
6. How did the older brother act when the younger son came home?
7. What did the older brother tell his father? What did the father say to him?
8. The older brother was mad at his father and his younger brother because he felt that throwing a party for a kid who misbehaved, wasted money, and lived badly was wrong – especially because the older brother never really did anything wrong. **HOW UNFAIR!** Or maybe not... think about it. God can forgive ANYONE of ANYTHING. God doesn't hold a scorecard of things that we do wrong so that He can use it against us. Instead, he chooses to forgive us when we ask Him – no matter WHAT! Sometimes it's easy for us to think that we're better than other people because they do things that are a lot worse than what we've done. However, it doesn't matter what we've done – we all need God the same! Think of a time someone has been like this father in your life – think of someone who has forgiven you for something you've done wrong. What happened? How did you feel?



Say a prayer of thanksgiving for someone who has forgiven you!