

Gospel in Life

Lesson 3—The Prodigal Son (continued)

TRUTH

Read the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) each day this week. Focus especially on verses 21-24:

“And 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 servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.”

Listen to Pastor Timothy J. Keller’s sermon “To Be Called Your Son,” and take notes below on the main points of the message.

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Sermon Notes:

EQUIPPING

1. What does biblical sonship mean? Why is this concept not sexist?
2. What access does a “son” receive?
3. What is the future hope for the sons of God?
4. Tim Keller talks about the need to feel “re-loved.” In what ways do you experience this?
5. Tim Keller talks about how the younger brother is brought back into the family at the expense of the older brother. How has Jesus done this for us?

ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Are you a child of God? Why or why not?
2. Do you struggle to feel “secure” in Christ? How so?
3. What emotions surface in you when you think about the inheritance in store for you in the new heavens and new earth?
4. Tim Keller talks about the younger brother being re-loved. How have you felt hurt, or the absence of love, in your life? Can you think of a time when you experienced true brokenness?
5. We are called to love sacrificially. Love that is sacrificial is not always “fair,” and may come at your expense just as we see in the story of the Prodigal Son. Why is sacrificial love particularly hard for you? Who is someone that you need to love sacrificially?

MISSION

1. Who is someone in your life that is hard for you to love? Why?
2. Is there something you can sacrifice this week in order to love and serve your neighbor? How can you demonstrate radical generosity?
3. If your inheritance is secure, then your hope is not in this world. Who do you know that doesn't have this hope?
4. Jesus was disrobed so that we might receive His robe of righteousness. He gave people with no status the greatest status. Spend some time praying for those who are poor, marginalized, and oppressed, asking that God would raise them up and that justice would be done. Thank Him for His sovereign work in ways that are beyond our understanding.

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