

Gospel in Life

Lesson 1—The Prodigal Son

TRUTH

Each day this week, read the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Focus especially on the first four verses:

And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.

Listen to Pastor Timothy J. Keller’s sermon “Give Me Mine,” and take notes below on the main points of the message.

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Sermon Notes:

EQUIPPING

1. In what sense do the younger and older brothers fight inappropriately for what is “theirs”?
2. How is the family system described in this parable different from most family systems in America in the 21st century?
3. Where in the text do the younger and older brothers show their struggle with idolatry?
4. What does Augustine mean by “disordered love”?
5. How does the Trinity exemplify love and community?

ACCOUNTABILITY

1. When you think about idolatry in your own life, what are some things that come to mind?
2. Why do you think materialism and consumerism have been struggles for people throughout human history?
3. What do you love about God?
4. In what areas of your life do you see your love for God become replaced by love for other people or things?
5. If loving relationships are important in life, how can you grow this week in loving people the way Jesus has loved you?

MISSION

1. When was the last time you selflessly served someone else? How did that feel?
2. What is one thing you can do this week to give of your time, money, or resources?
3. Think of some people in your life who do not know Christ. Write their names below.
4. In the story of the Prodigal Son, the father extended grace to both of his sons. To whom has God called you to extend grace in your life?

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