

Sermon Application Study

October 26, 2025

Target Passages → Luke 15:11-32

1. Referring to the unique social situation in which Jesus is telling this parable, who do the older and younger brother represent? Describe these people in our culture today.
2. How does the younger brother's demand to his father help us to define what sin is?
3. What does the younger brother hope his father will do for him, and how is his father's plan different?
4. What is the older brother's problem with his father?
5. How are both the younger and older brother lost? What does the grace of God mean for each of them?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Galatians 1:6-10, 2:15-16

For Me →

1. Do you resonate more with the struggles of the older or younger brother? Explain.
2. Do you have the heart to receive home a prodigal? Do you have the bravery to address the hardened heart of an older brother? Explain.

PRAYER FOCUS

Lift up the prodigals and older brothers you know. Ask the Lord to change their hearts with his grace. Ask the Lord to give you the heart and courage to lavish grace on others the way he has lavished it on us in Christ.

For the Mission →

Why is it important to share the gospel of Christ with people who are suffering under the consequences of their own sinful choices? Can we ever leave the gospel out?