Two Prodigals Wed 5/10/23

Luke 15:11-32 NKJV

11Then He said: “A certain man had two sons.

12And the younger of them said to *his* father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls *to me.*’ So he divided to them *his* livelihood.

 *The first son always received a double portion*

13And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

14But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

15Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him *anything.*

17“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,

19and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”

’20“And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

21And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.

’22“But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet.

23And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it,* and let us eat and be merry;

24for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry.

25“Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

26So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

27And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’

28“But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him.

29So he answered and said to *his* father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.

30But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.’

31“And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.

32It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’ ”