

The Father's Amazing Grace

Luke 15:11-32

Key Verses: 15:20b ““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.”

1. What motivated the younger son to demand his inheritance from his father and what type of pain did the father likely experience? (11, 12a) What was the father’s response and how was this response unusual in Jewish culture? (12b; Dt. 21:18-21) What does this teach about God and man? (Rom. 1:28, 1:21; Lk. 12:15; Dt. 30:19)
2. What did the younger son do with his freedom? (13) What happened when a famine struck the land? (14) What shows that the younger son hit the bottom? (15-16) What did he remember and what did he decide to do? (17-20a; Eph. 2:12)
3. How did the father welcome his son? (20b) How does this reveal God’s long-suffering patient love? How did the father respond to his son’s repentance (21-24)? How do these represent what we receive in Jesus upon salvation? (Rom. 8:15; Isa. 61:10; Eph. 1:5)
4. How did the older brother react? (25-30) What do the older brother’s words and actions reveal about him? How did the father correct him? (31) What further explanation did he give for celebrating the return of his younger son? (32) Which son are you more like in the story?