

Theme: The parable of the father and his two sons in Luke 15 graphically displays the Gospel and human sin: the gracious heart of the father, the wandering heart of the younger son, and the judgmental heart of the older brother.

I. The Father's Heart

- A. Theme: The father in the parable displays the merciful and gracious heart of God towards those who are lost.
- B. Text: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 2 John 1:3
- E. Teaching keywords: grace; God's character; forgiveness

II. The Younger Son's Story

- A. Theme: The younger son in the parable mistakenly thought that his identity and joy would be found through self-discovery and self-indulgence apart from the father's presence and will.
- B. Text: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26
- E. Teaching keywords: confession and repentance; forgiveness; exile and return; humility and pride; God's grace

III. The Elder Brother's Trouble

- A. Theme: The elder brother in the parable mistakenly thought that success, life, and joy was found in attempting to keep the rules rather than in relationship with the father, who he misunderstood and disdained.
- B. Text: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26
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- F. Teaching keywords: legalism; humility and pride; God's grace; confession and repentance.

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