

the RETURN of the PRODIGAL SON the YOUNGER SON

to WHOM is JESUS SPEAKING

Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Luke 15:1-2

LEAVING HOME

Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

¹³ “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.”





Luke 15:11-13

LIVING LOST

“After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.”

Luke 15:14-16

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COMING to our SENSES

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.’ ”

Luke 15:17-19

COMING HOME

“So he got up and went to his father.”

Luke 15:20

WHAT’S *in the* PAINTING?

“Yet over and over again I have left home. I have fled the hands of blessing and run off to far away places searching for love! This is the great tragedy of my life and the lives of so many I meet on my journey. Somehow I have become deaf to the voice that calls me beloved, have left the only place where I can hear that voice, and have gone off desperately hoping that I would find somewhere else what I could no longer find at home.”

Henri Nouwen - *Return of the Prodigal Son* (pg. 39)





NEXT STEPS

The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen

Abba's Child by Brennan Manning

Good and Beautiful God by James Bryan Smith

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