

the RETURN *of the* PRODIGAL SON *the FATHER*

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

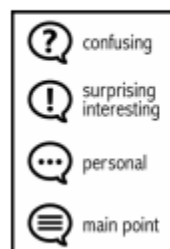
the HEART *of the* FATHER

“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.

²¹ “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.”

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³¹ “ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ”

Luke 15:20-24; 31-32

WHAT’S *in the* PAINTING?

the HANDS *of the* FATHER

“We need to be a father who can claim for himself the authority of true compassion... I have come to know in a small way what it means to be a father who asks no questions, wanting only to welcome his children home.”

Henri Nouwen - *Return of the Prodigal Son* (pg. 22)

NEXT STEPS

The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen

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