



# Prodigal Son

**THEY WALKED WITH GOD...**

# Jesus' Messianic Mission

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Lk. 19:10



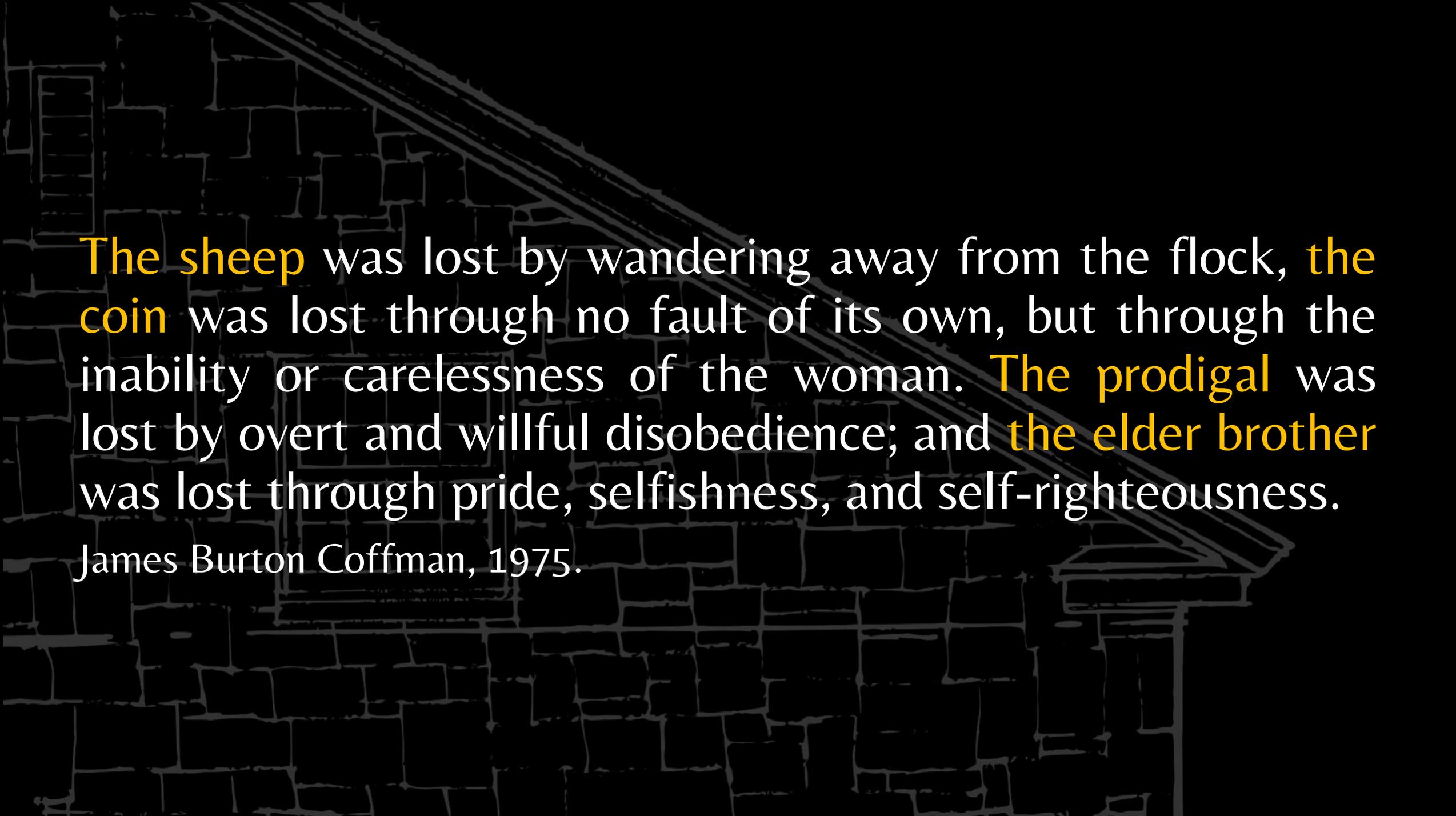
# The Lost and Their Redemption in Luke 15

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1. Parable of the **Lost Sheep** (v. 1-7)
2. Parable of the **Lost Coin** (v. 8-10)
3. Parable of the **Lost Son** (v. 11-32)

Who/What was lost? \_\_\_\_\_.

Who found it? \_\_\_\_\_.



The **sheep** was lost by wandering away from the flock, **the coin** was lost through no fault of its own, but through the inability or carelessness of the woman. **The prodigal** was lost by overt and willful disobedience; and **the elder brother** was lost through pride, selfishness, and self-righteousness.

James Burton Coffman, 1975.

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It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Lk. 5:31-32



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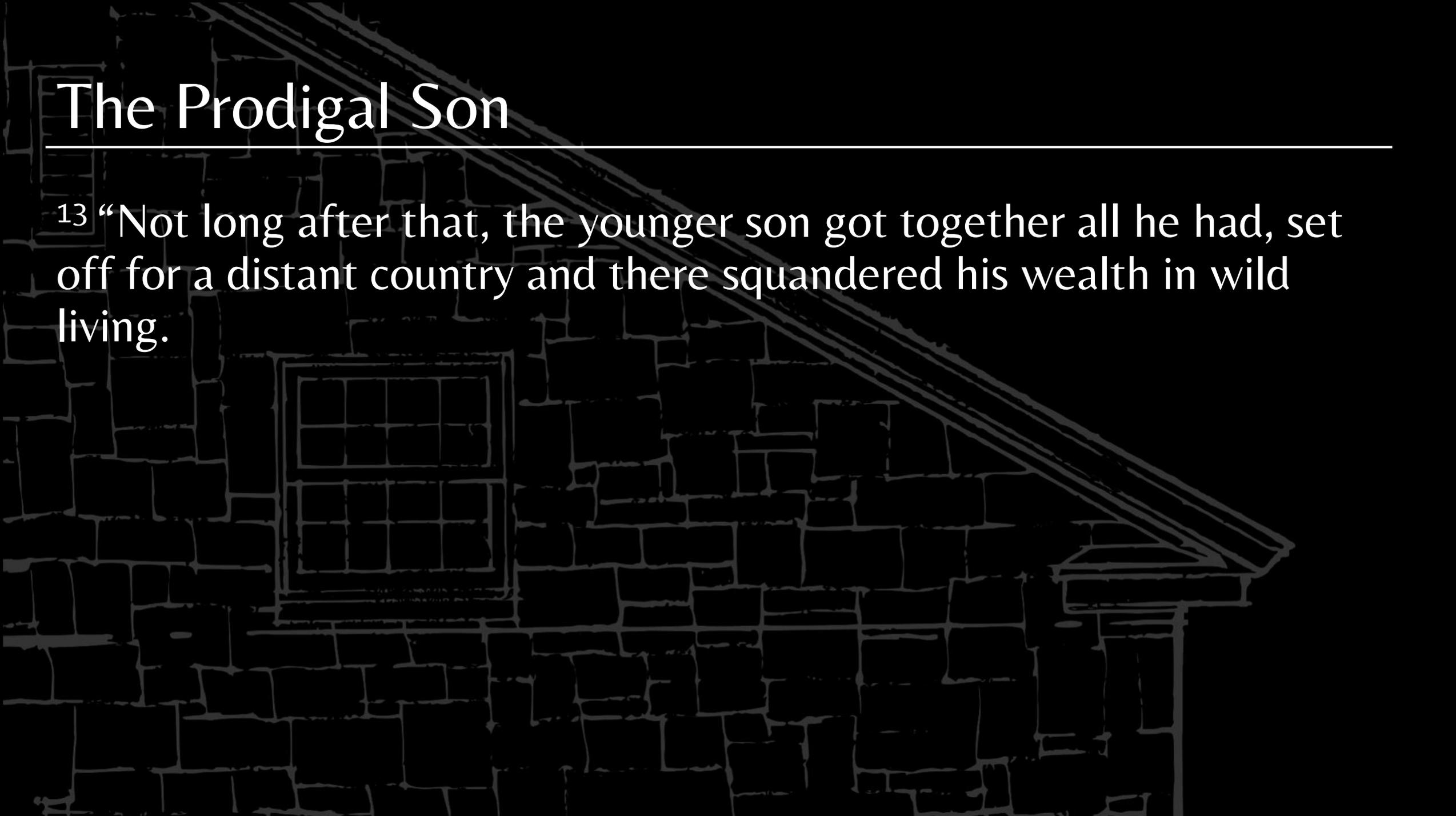
<sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

- What do we learn about the younger son?
- What do we learn about the Father?

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<sup>13</sup> “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.





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<sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

- The son had spurned both his father and his father's wisdom, which had surely protected him in similar situations in the past.

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<sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

- He couldn't bear living under his father, now he will live and work under a different master.
- Where have all his "friends" gone?

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“You have made us for yourself, O Lord,  
and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”

Augustine of Hippo, *Confessions*.

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- Came to his senses...
- Spoke truth to himself
- Acknowledged the consequences of his rebellion

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- Mindset change— “Father, *give me*” -> “Father, *make me*”
- Internal thought matures into an external action.

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“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.

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

- The prodigal is still precious to the father
- Will God run? –YES.
- What is our own attitude toward those who repent?

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<sup>22</sup> “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.

<sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate.

<sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

- The signs of sonship (Robe, ring, sandals, place at table)
  - Clothed with Christ (in Baptism)
  - Seated at His Supper (in Communion)
- The Father rejoices when *lost is found*.

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<sup>25</sup> “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

- Who does the elder son turn to?
- How do Christian sons and daughters pursue and protect intimacy with their Heavenly Father?

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<sup>28</sup> “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

- The father’s mercy is insulting to the elder brother
- What is the father’s response to his eldest son?

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<sup>31</sup> “ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> 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.’ ”

- Have I hardened my heart towards my prodigal brothers and sisters?
- How do I welcome back the returning prodigals in my life? In my family? In our congregation?

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- Told himself truth; Return to the Father
- Submitted to the Father's rule



