

Luke 15:11-32 (NKJV)

¹¹ Then He said: "A certain man had **two sons**.

¹² And the younger of them said to *his* father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to *me*.' So he divided to them *his* livelihood.

¹³ And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

¹⁴ But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

¹⁵ Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

¹⁶ And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him *anything*.

¹⁷ But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,

¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." '

²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

²¹ **And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned** against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet.

²³ And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry;

²⁴ for this my son **was dead** and is **alive again; he was lost and is found**.' And they began to be merry.

²⁵ Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.'

²⁸ But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him.

²⁹ So he answered and said to *his* father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.

³⁰ But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'

³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.

³² It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.' "