

Welcome

Worship Songs

“Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)”

“Shepherd”

Prayer

Scripture for Today

Luke 15:11-32 (NASB)

Message

“Lost & Pursued: Wandering Away”

Jack D. Cohen

Offering/Worship Song

“In Jesus Name (God Of Possible)”

**Closing*



LOST
&
pursued



LOST & PURSUED

WANDERING AWAY

“And He said, “A man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the estate that ^[a]is coming to me.’ And so he divided his wealth between them...Son, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.”

– Luke 15:11-32 (NASB)

WHEN I’VE GONE TO A PRODIGAL PLACE...

1) I lose my _____

“After he had gone through all his money, there was a bad famine all through that country and he began to feel it.”

– Luke 15:14 (MSG)

2 PERSPECTIVES [TODAY]

1) Perspective of the _____

“The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the estate that ^[a]is coming to me.’ And so he divided his ^[b]wealth between them. And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey to a distant country, and there he squandered his estate in ^[c]wild living. Now when he had ^[d]spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began doing without. So he went and ^[e]hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he longed to have his fill of the carob pods that the pigs were eating, and no one was giving him anything. “But when he came to ^[f]his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired laborers (servants) have more than enough bread, but I am dying here ^[g]from hunger! I will set out and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven, and ^[h]in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired laborers.’”

– Luke 15:11-18 (NASB)

- You ARE NOT the _____

“I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired laborers.’ So he set out and came to his father. But when he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ [He’s repentant] But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him and put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet; ²³ and bring the fattened calf, slaughter it, and let’s eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’ And they began to celebrate.”

– Luke 15:19-24 (NASB)

2) Perspective of the _____

“Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things could be. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and sound.’ But he became angry and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and began pleading with him. But he answered and said to his father, ‘Look! For so many years I have been serving you and I have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you never gave me a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends; but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.’”

– Luke 15:25-31(NASB)

- _____ prodigal
- _____ prodigal

“He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him”

– Psalm 103:9-13 (NASB)

“And he said to him, ‘Son, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.’”

– Luke 15:31-32 (NASB)

- We can have an honest, _____
- We can live in _____ & _____