

Welcome

Worship Songs

“All Hail King Jesus/Forever”

“Run to the Father”

Prayer

Scripture for Today

Luke 15:11-32 (NASB)

Message

“Lost & Pursued: Coming Back to the Father”

Jack D. Cohen

Offering/Worship Song

“O Praise the Name/How Great is Our God”

**Closing*



LOST
&
pursued



LOST & PURSUED

HOW TO COME BACK TO THE FATHER

“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 ^[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.’ “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; ²³and bring the fattened calf, slaughter it, and let’s eat and celebrate; ²⁴for 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 15:11-24 (NASB)

“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.’” 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 15:25-32 (NASB)

WHAT’S THE POTENTIAL LOSS?

1) I lose my _____

“What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, if he loses his soul?”

– Luke 9:25

1 PERSPECTIVE

1) Perspective of the _____

- The Father never stops _____ & _____ his son is coming home
- The Father will _____ you like you _____

HOW CAN I RETURN?

1) _____ our need for salvation & eternal life

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?’”
– John 11:25-26

2) _____ & turn towards God the Father

“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”
– Acts 3:19

3) _____ to new life in Christ

“I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.”

– Philippians 3:10-11

- The Lost sheep—You are _____
- The Lost coin—You are _____
- The Lost sons—You are _____