



SERMON OUTLINE MARCH 6, 2016

“Who is the Prodigal One?”

Luke 15:11-22

INTRODUCTION: *What does ‘prodigal’ really mean?*

I. THE FATHER’S APPROACHABLE LOVE

- A. Note verses 11-12.
- B. Note *The law of inheritance*
- C. Note the approachable Father
- D. Why would a son want to leave such a Father? ☹

II. THE FATHER’S RELEASING LOVE

- A. Note verse 12b
- B. *“Love only possesses what it releases”*
- C. Did the son know he broke the Father’s heart?
- D. Do we know when we break our Heavenly Father’s heart? ☹
- E. Note verse 13a – *The ‘Far Country’*

III. WHAT IS YOUR ‘FAR COUNTRY’?

- A. How do we drift away from our Heavenly Father?
- B. The inability to *“look Him in the eyes”*
- C. Who is this younger son in the parable?
- D. To whom was this parable originally addressed?
(vv. 2-3... to *“church people”*)
- E. The son went from “pigs to repentance” (vv. 15-19)

IV. THE FATHER’S RUNNING LOVE!

- A. Hooray for verse 20! ☺ ☺ ☺
- B. Aristotle said: *“Great men don’t run in public.”*
- C. The son is practicing his speech & the Father runs to him!
(Note also Genesis 3:9; Romans 5:6-8)
- D. The inheritance never runs out! (vv. 21-24... wow, ☺!)
+ robe (father’s) + ring (inheritance) + sandals (not a slave)
+ “fatted calf” (only for honoured guests)

CONCLUSION: *“Boot or no boots, Hallelujah!”*