



## Even Rebels Get Homesick

Luke 15:1-3 (NIV)

*Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable:*

Luke 15:11-24 (NIV)

*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. <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. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <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. <sup>17</sup> “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father. “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.’ <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.*

### 1. Rebels are homesick at home.

- Home isn’t a place; home is a person.
- God loves us enough to let us leave. (Luke 15:11-13)

### 2. Rebels choose the gifts over the giver.

- Rebels believe “the things of my father will satisfy me.”

### 3. Rebels always misunderstand authority.

- Maximum freedom comes when we submit to authority.

### 4. Rebels eventually get hungry and homesick. (Luke 15:14)

- Turning to God is the only option that makes sense. (Luke 15:17)

### 5. The rebel’s road home begins with a switch from “give me” to “make me”. (Luke 15:12; Luke 15:19)

- Rebels have been rewired by the world but are still at their core made for a person.