



## Home Sick...

Luke 15:22-24 (NIV)

*"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.*

- He would rather look through a window and judge his younger brother than to look in a mirror and see his heart.

Luke 15:25-28 (NIV)

*"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.<sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.<sup>27</sup> 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'<sup>28</sup> "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.*

- The older brother was close in proximity to the Father, but his heart was distant.
- The older brother was "home sick."

Luke 15:29 (NIV)

*But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.*

- The older brother believed the lie that the Father's love must be earned.

Luke 15:30 (NIV)

*But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!"*

- The most frustrating thing about grace is that it is not fair.
- The older brother believed the lie that the Father's grace must have limits.

Luke 15:31 (NIV)

*"My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.*

- The most beautiful thing about grace is that it is not fair.

Luke 15:32 (NIV)

*But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."*

- You can choose to stay outside or come in and enjoy the feast.

Ephesians 2:13 (NIV)

*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought nearby the blood of Christ.*

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