

Two Lost Sons Luke 15: 1-24

22 "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. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate."

I. Two types of people who came hear Jesus

- A. The sinners and the tax collectors
- B. Pharisees and the teachers of the law

One represents the younger brother and the other the older brother. Both groups are equally lost.

II. We want the things from God but not God himself.

"give me my share of the estate"
I want what you have but I don't necessarily want you.

III. We are so far from God that we began to make stuff up in our heads on how God would love us if we do this...

Luke 15:19 " Make me one of your hired servants"

If I can work hard and slowly pay off my debt.
If I can follow all the laws
If I can get my self together then I can come to church

IV. Our negotiations are interrupted by God's love.

Luke 15:20 "his father saw him and felt compassion; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him, and kissed him"

He is not going to wait. You are his children coming home.

V. God himself covers us

"Bring the best robes and put it on him"

I want to cover you
I will cover your messes
I will cover your mistakes
I will cover your loneliness
I will cover your nakedness
I will cover your sins
I will cover all your sins

Our view of God is that he is mad at us and we try to negotiate our salvation.

The truth is, and it's a hard concept for us to believe, but he has already forgiven you.

He is waiting for you to come home.