

Luke 15

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1. Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering round to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, 'This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them.'

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ 'Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." I tell you that in the same way there will be ^{more} rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

⁸ 'Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin." ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

¹² The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the estate." So he divided his property between them.

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ 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! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰ 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 round him and kissed him.

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The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son."

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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 fatted 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.

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Meanwhile, the elder son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.

²⁷ "Your brother has come," he replied, "and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has him back safe and sound."

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The elder brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, "Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never

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

^{31.}"My son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² 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."

1. Jesus told his disciples, 'There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer'

³ The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg — ⁴ I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.
⁵ So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'
⁶ 'Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.
⁷ The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.'
⁸ Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'
⁹ 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied.
¹⁰ He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'
¹¹ The master commended the dishonest manager because he had

acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.

⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches. ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³ No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot ~~serve~~ serve both God and Money.

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. ¹⁵ He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight."

¹⁶ The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John.

Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it.

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It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear than for the least stroke of a pen to drop out of the law.

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Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery, and the man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

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There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell where he was tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

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So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

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But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.'

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And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.

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He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, for I have five brothers.'²⁸ Let him warn them, so that they will not come to this place of torment.

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Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'³⁰

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No, father Abraham, he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

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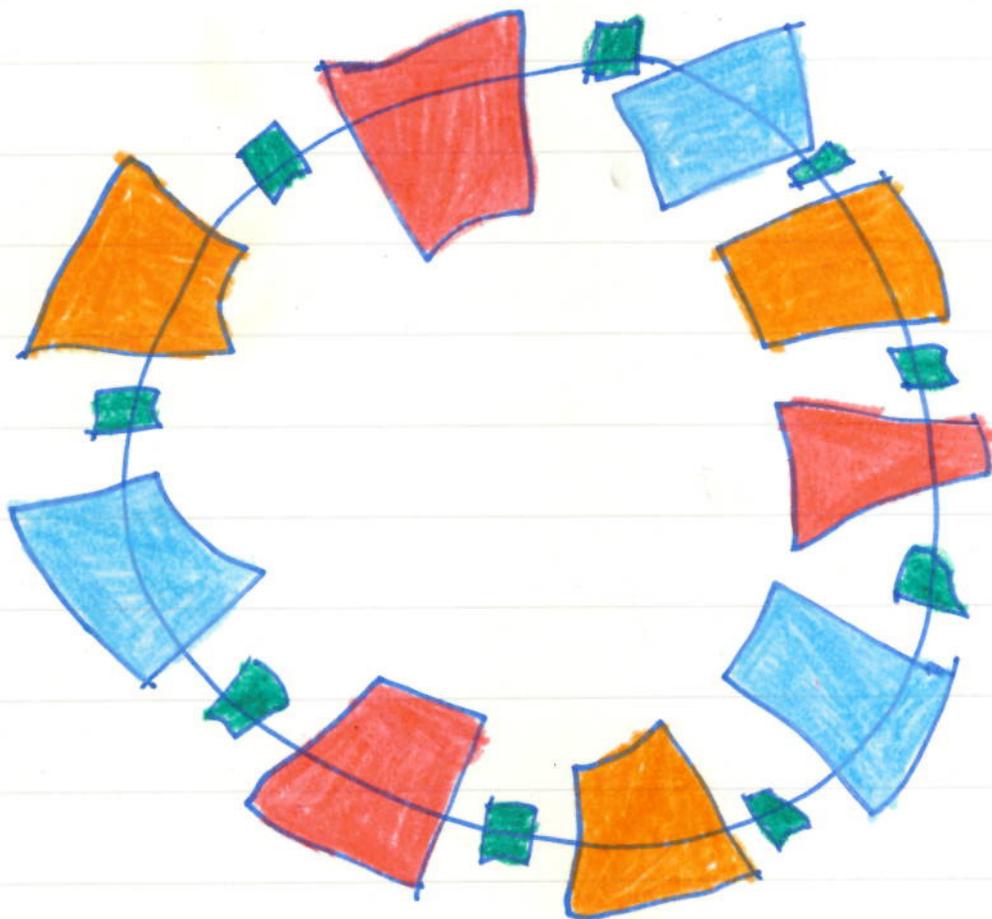
He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'

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1-2 He said to his disciples, "Hard trials and temptations are bound to come, but too bad for whoever brings them on! Better to wear a millstone necklace and take a swim in the deep blue sea than give even one of these dear little ones a hard time!



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Be alert. If you see your friend going wrong, correct him. If he responds, forgive him. Even if it's personal against you and repeated seven times through the day and seven times he says, "I'm sorry, I won't do it again," forgive him.

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5-6 The apostles came up and said to the
Master, "Give us more faith."

But the master said "You don't need
more faith. There is no 'more' or 'less'
in faith. If you have a bare kernel
of faith, say the size of a poppy
seed, you could say to this
sycamore tree, 'Go jump in the
lake;' and it would do it."



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Suppose one of you has a servant who comes in from ploughing the field or tending the sheep. Would you take his coat, set the table, and say, 'Sit down and eat'? Wouldn't you be more likely to say, 'Prepare dinner; change your clothes and wait table for me until I've finished my coffee; then go to the kitchen and have your supper'? Does the servant get special thanks for doing what's expected of him? It's the same with you. When you've done everything expected of you, be matter-of-fact and say, 'The work is done. What we were told to do, we did.'"

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11-13 It happened that as he made his way toward Jerusalem, he crossed over the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men, all lepers, met him. They kept their distance but raised their voices, calling out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

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Taking a good look at them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." They went, and while still on their way, became clean. One of them, when he realized that he was healed, turned around and came back, shouting his gratitude, glorifying God. He knelt at Jesus' feet, so grateful. He couldn't thank him enough - and he was a Samaritan.

by Naomi

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1 Jesus said, "were not ten healed?
Where are the nine? Can none be found
to come back and give glory to God
except this outsider?" Then he said to him,
"Get up on your way. Your faith has healed
and saved you."

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20-21 Jesus, quilled by the Pharisees on when the kingdom of God would come, answered, "the kingdom of God ~~does not~~ doesn't come by counting the ~~days~~ the days on the calendar. Nor when someone says, 'look here! or there it is' and why? ^{tt} Because God's kingdom is already among you.

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22-24 He went on to say to his disciples, "The days are coming when you are going to be desperately homesick for just a glimpse of one of the days of the Son of Man, and you won't see a thing. And they'll say to you, 'look over there!' or, 'look here!' Don't fall for any of that nonsense. The arrival of the Son of Man is not something you go out to see. He simply comes.

By Charlie Blake

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You know how the whole sky lights up from a single flash of lightning? That's how it will be on the Day of the Son of Man. But first it's necessary that he suffer many things and be turned down by the people today.

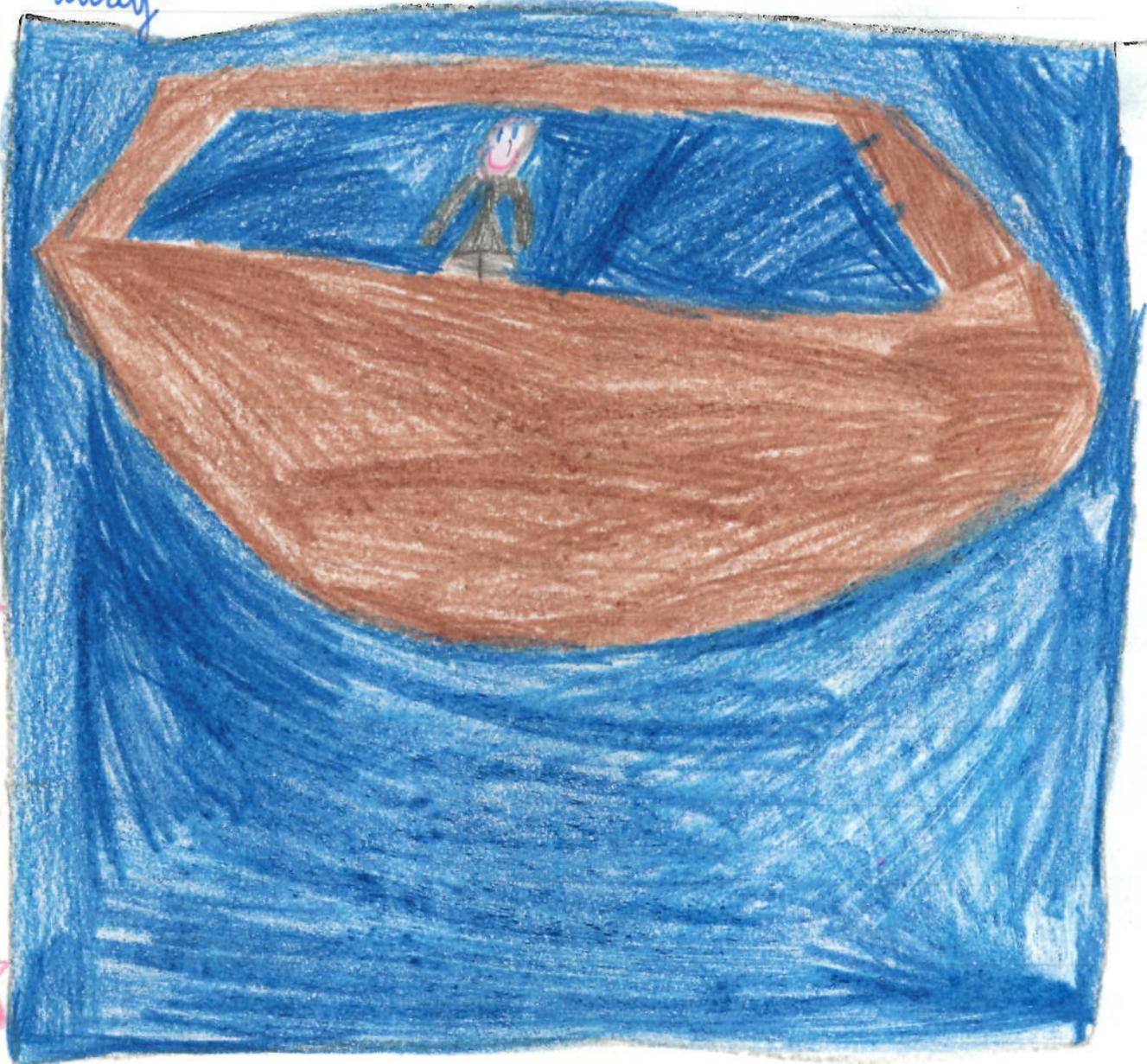
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26-27 " The time of the Son of Man will ^{be} just like the time of Noah - everyone carrying on as usual, having a good time right up to the day Noah boarded the ship. They suspected nothing until the flood hit and swept everything away.



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28-30" It was the same in the time of Lot—the people carrying on, having a good time, business as usual right up to the day Lot walked out of Sodom and a firestorm swept down and burned everything to a crisp. That's how it will be—sudden, total—when the son of Man is revealed.

By Kyle

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"When the Day arrives and you're out working in the yard, don't run into the house to get anything. And if you're out in the field don't go back and get your cat. Remember what happened to Lot's wife! If you grasp and cling to life on your terms, you'll lose it, but if you let that life go, you'll get life on God's terms.

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34-35 On that Day, two men will be in the same boat fishing - one taken, the other left. Two woman will be working in the same kitchen - one taken, the other left" 37 Trying to take all this in, the disciples said "Master, where?" He told them, "watch for the circling of the vultures. They'll spot the corpse first. The action will begin around my dead body."



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