

LOOKING AHEAD

Date	Scripture	Message
Sept. 20-21	Galatians 5:1	Gospel Freedom
Sept. 27-28	Luke 15:11-24	The Parable: The Younger Son
Oct. 4-5	Luke 15:25-32	The Parable: The Older Son
Oct. 11-12	Luke 15:11-32	The Parable: The Father
Oct. 18-19	Galatians 1:1-9	No Other Gospel: Distorted is Destroyed
Oct. 25-26	Galatians 1:10-24	No Other Gospel: Given by God
Nov. 1-2	Galatians 2:1-10	No Other Gospel: Received by the Apostles
Nov. 8-9	Galatians 2:11-16	No Other Gospel: Christ Above All Part 1
Nov. 15-16	Galatians 2:17-21	No Other Gospel: Christ Above All Part 2

SOME RESOURCES FOR FURTHER STUDY

1. [Constable's Notes on Galatians](#), by Dr Thomas L. Constable available on SonicLight.com (A free online commentary)
2. [Galatians for You](#), by Timothy Keller (An easy-to-read commentary)
3. [Galatians](#), by Thomas R. Schreiner, Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. (A more technical commentary)
4. [The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming](#), by Henri Nouwen
5. [Prodigal God](#), by Timothy Keller



September 27 & 28, 2025 | The Younger Son | Luke 15:11-24 | Joshua Wilhite, pastor

THE HEART OF THE SON

*Luke 15:11 And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of **property** that is coming to me.'property between them. 13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his **property** in reckless living.*

1. The younger son WALKED away from a father he didn't understand.
 - a. The younger son viewed "property" (οὐσία // ou-SI-a) as something to SPEND on himself.
 - b. The father viewed "property" (βίος // BI-os) as something to SHARE together.

*Luke 15:14 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and **hired himself out** to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16 And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. 17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's **hired servants** have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19 **I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.**"*

2. The younger son viewed his relationship with his father as TRANSACTIONAL.

a. His identity (how he saw himself) - PRODIGAL Son

*Luke 15:19 I am no longer **worthy** to be called your son....*

b. His outlook (how he related to others) - OUTSIDER

*Luke 15:19 ...Treat me as one of your **hired servants**.*

c. His ethic (his rule of life) - LICENSE

*Luke 15:13 ...he squandered his property in **reckless living***

*Luke 15:16 And he was **longing to be fed**...*

*Luke 15:17 ...I perish here with **hunger**!*

*Philippians 3:19 Their end is destruction, **their god is their belly**, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.*

ASK YOURSELF:

- If I could have anything I want right now, what would it be?

THE HEART OF THE FATHER

*Luke 15:20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt **compassion**, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.*

1. The father was watching and waiting for his son to COME HOME.
2. The father's heart was full of COMPASSION, not conditions.

*Luke 15:21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. **I am no longer worthy to be called your son.**' 22 But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For **this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.**' And they began to celebrate.*

3. The younger son was lost BEFORE he ever left.

ASK YOURSELF:

- Is my perspective on God being supported or challenged by His word?

THE CALL TO COME HOME

*Luke 15:1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "**This man receives sinners and eats with them.**"*

*Luke 5:29 ...and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. 30 And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "**Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?**" 31 And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."*

1. Jesus doesn't validate, celebrate, or placate our SIN.
2. Jesus FORGIVES our sin and helps us FORSAKE it.

John 10:10 ...I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

3. "Grace is not opposed to EFFORT, it is opposed to earning."
- Dallas Willard -

ASK THE LORD:

- Heavenly Father, thank you for your relentless love for us. Jesus, thank you for laying down your life and making a way for us to find life through You. Holy Spirit, thank you for the transformation you are working to accomplish in us. God, help us to stand firm in gospel freedom.

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