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The Loving Father | Luke 15:11-32

³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

—Luke 15:31



¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

—Luke 15:1-2



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.’ And he divided his 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.

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.”

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.



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.



25 “Now his older son was in the field,
and as he came and drew near to the
house, he heard music and dancing.

26 And he called one of the servants and
asked what these things meant.



27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.'

28 But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him,



29 but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’



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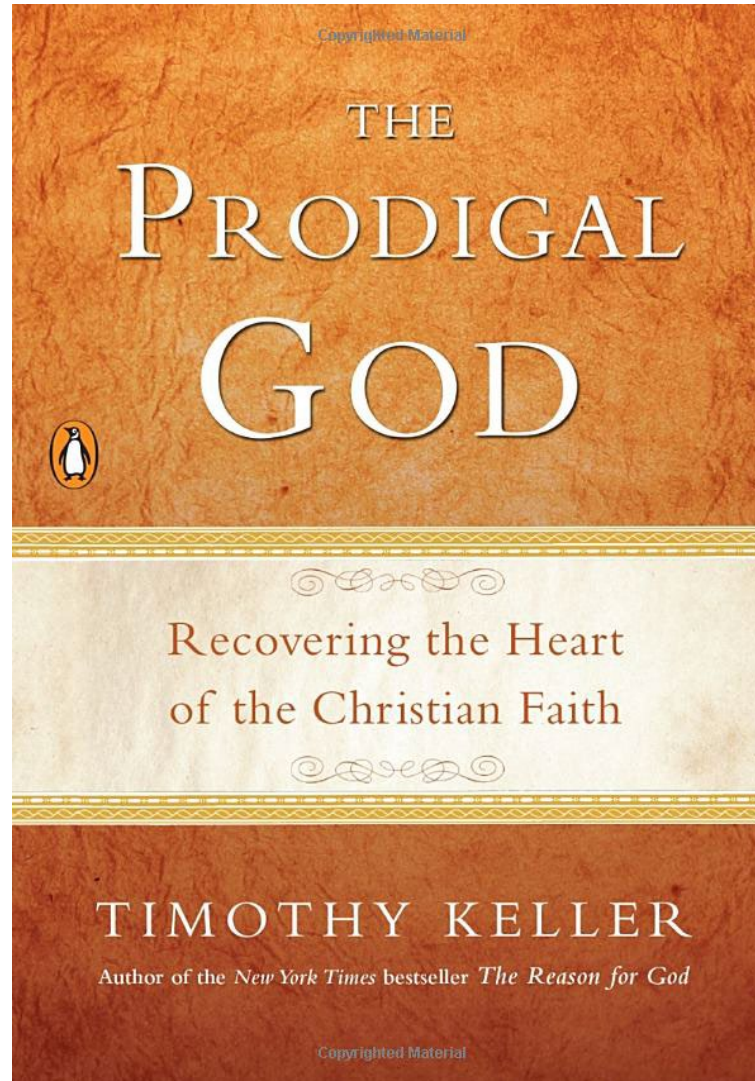
³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’ ”

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—Luke 15:12



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—Luke 15:28b,31



²³ for all have sinned and fall short of
the glory of God...

—Romans 3:23a



23 For the wages of sin is death...

—Romans 6:23a



²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—Romans 6:23



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—Luke 15:17-19



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—Luke 15:20



“We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.”

—Tim Keller



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¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

—1 Peter 1:18-19





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