



PARABLE OF THE LOST SON

To answer some of his critics who thought he was running around with the wrong people, Jesus told a story about a wayward son and a father who threw a party for this son when he came home.

Read the Parable of the Lost (Prodigal) Son in Luke 15:11-32.

Then answer the questions below.

1. Where are you in the birth order of your family?

- oldest
- youngest
- in the middle
- I'm an only child.

2. When was the first time you thought about leaving home? Did you do it?

3. If you had been the father in this Bible story, what would you have said to the younger son when he asked for his inheritance early in order to leave home?

- "Are you crazy?!"
- "Why you ungrateful son!!"
- "I'm disappointed, but here you are."
- "No problem, son."

4. If you had been the father and had a pretty good idea where your son had gone, would you have gone after him?

- Yes, you don't want to see your kid get in trouble.
- Maybe, if I thought I could get him to come home.
- No, you have to let people make their own mistakes.
- It all depends.

5. What is the closest you have come to going through a wild period like the young man in this story.

6. Of the two sons, which reminds you the most of your own spiritual story?

- the son who left home at an early age — and came back
- the son who did not leave home—but felt left out of his father's party

7. When did you spiritually "leave home" in your relationship with God?



Luke 15

8. If you could compare your spiritual journey to this story, where are you right now?

- just leaving home
- in a far country
- on my way back home
- comfortable at home

9. How do you sense God calling you to get closer to Him? What will you do to respond?
