

BRIDGING THE GAP
Pt. 3 - He Came to His SENSES
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Luke 15:1-2 (NIV)

^[1] Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him.

^[2] But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Luke 15:7 (NIV)

^[7] 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 persons who do not need to repent.

Luke 15:10 (NIV)

^[10] In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Luke 15:11-32 (NIV)

^[11] Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons.

^[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 men 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 men.'

^[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 around him and kissed him.

^[21] The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

^[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."