

Jesus The Storyteller: Lost

Monday

Luke 15:11-16

As we read through the first act of this story, we read about how the younger brother allows the father's gift of free will to wreck his life. Think about where this intersects with your journey. What are some experiences that come to mind? What did you learn from those experiences?

Tuesday

Luke 16b

The verse reads, "no one gave him anything." The younger brother learned, through his journey, that the world would not provide for him. We can also read this as a commentary on our journeys, as we realize that what we truly desire comes only from God. Think of a story in your life where God provided for you in a way that the world could not.

Wednesday

Luke 15:25-32

This part of the story shows the distance between the older brother and the younger brother. In v. 30, the older brother refers to the younger brother as, "this son of yours..." The younger brother's choices offended the older brother to the point of severing all relational ties. Who are the people that you seem to be most offended by? Consider what we learn about the older brother? How should you respond?

Thursday

Luke 15:27-28

As the party was going on, the older brother refused to go in. He refused to celebrate the younger brother's return. Can you think about someone that would cause you to feel the same way if you were to see them at church this weekend? Take some time today to consider praying for that person.

Friday

Luke 15:24

This story has much to do with God's love for us. In this verse, the father says that his son, "WAS dead, and IS alive." God continues to see our sin in the past and our redemption in the present. What are some areas of your past that you keep bringing into the present? Remember that God doesn't hold onto them; and neither should you.

Saturday

Luke 15:31-32

The story ends with the father outside with the older brother, pleading with him to come and join the party. As God celebrates the return of those who have gone away, God also reminds us of how, if we are all children of God, then we are all brothers and sisters. We have reasons to celebrate other's victories. Take time today to acknowledge the work of God in someone else's life.

Sunday

Psalms 136

As you prepare for worship today, read through this psalm. Remember that God is faithful. Come prepared to celebrate with those who have turned back to God.