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Message



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Jesus told three parables in response to a situation in Luke 15:1-2. They were about the same thing: the redemptive love of God for us, and the need for us to have a redemptive love for others. This point meets its highlight in the third parable, often called “The Parable of the Prodigal Son” but is really more about the prodigal dad.

The parable divides neatly into two parts, each instructive to all regardless of age or role in life:

Part 1: HOW TO FAIL VERY BADLY IN LIFE.

This first part reads like a manual on how to sabotage your own existence —

- **Demand what can be yours until you get it.**
‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’
- **Separate yourself from those who love you.**
...gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country
- **Live any way you want to. Make your own rules and follow them.**
...he squandered his property in reckless living.
- **Settle to survive. Just settle.**
...hired himself out... to feed pigs

Sad to say, many lives, even those that started in church, will resemble this. Some publicly, many secretly. Most will be like this because they have no personal relationship with Christ (which is really the point of the story). Some despite that (a reality we can't gloss over).

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Part 2: HOW REDEMPTION REALLY HAPPENS:

Jesus gives a picture of His redemptive heart, a heart all dads can emulate —

- **Redemption begins when you repent.**

But when he came to himself... “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you”

- **Repentance is completed when you return.**

And he arose and came to his father.

- **Redemption happens because there is a Redeemer — someone who gladly takes the pain of what you did and chooses to love you instead.**

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf... let us eat and celebrate... my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’

The most important need in redemption is a Redeemer. You can repent all you want and return all you can, but without a willing forgiver, a sacrificing redeemer, you repent in vain.

How may this apply to us?

1. First, we love because God first loved us (1 John 4:19). We can love God, and we can love others because we ourselves have been loved. Let's emulate the father, not the older brother.
2. Fathers can redeem the seemingly unredeemable by sacrificing themselves to love the unlovely. That's the essence of redemption. Dads, we can be like God in this sense.
3. If you have never come to faith in Christ, let this story be God's call for you to come home.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In a real sense of the word, God is the ultimate single parent. In what ways can a dad or single parent with a redemptive heart be acting like God?
2. It is often said that “hurt people, hurt people”. In a better sense, loved people are loving people. Why should that be true for believers unconditionally and unilaterally loved by God?
3. End the time in prayer, asking God to bless all the fathers in the group or the fathers that you know, to be empowered by God to be as redemptive as God.

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2 Corinthians 9:7

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Wednesdays | 8:00 p.m. | via Zoom

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Saturdays | 5:00 p.m. | on [youtube.com/user/gcfyouthlive](https://www.youtube.com/user/gcfyouthlive)

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Sundays | 1:00 p.m. | on Facebook at @GCFKidsLIFE

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Sundays | 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | via Zoom

Pre-registration required:

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