

# Sunday of The Prodigal Son

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THE PRODIGAL SON:



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# 1 Corinthians

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## 6:12-20

### GLORIFY GOD IN BODY AND SPIRIT

12 "ALL THINGS ARE LAWFUL FOR ME," BUT NOT ALL THINGS ARE BENEFICIAL. "ALL THINGS ARE LAWFUL FOR ME," BUT I WILL NOT BE DOMINATED BY ANYTHING. 13 "FOOD IS MEANT FOR THE STOMACH AND THE STOMACH FOR FOOD,"[A] AND GOD WILL DESTROY BOTH ONE AND THE OTHER. THE BODY IS MEANT NOT FOR FORNICATION BUT FOR THE LORD, AND THE LORD FOR THE BODY. 14 AND GOD RAISED THE LORD AND WILL ALSO RAISE US BY HIS POWER. 15 DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOUR BODIES ARE MEMBERS OF CHRIST? SHOULD I THEREFORE TAKE THE MEMBERS OF CHRIST AND MAKE THEM MEMBERS OF A PROSTITUTE? NEVER! 16 DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT WHOEVER IS UNITED TO A PROSTITUTE BECOMES ONE BODY WITH HER? FOR IT IS SAID, "THE TWO SHALL BE ONE FLESH." 17 BUT ANYONE UNITED TO THE LORD BECOMES ONE SPIRIT WITH HIM. 18 SHUN FORNICATION! EVERY SIN THAT A PERSON COMMITS IS OUTSIDE THE BODY; BUT THE FORNICATOR SINS AGAINST THE BODY ITSELF. 19 OR DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOUR BODY IS A TEMPLE[B] OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN YOU, WHICH YOU HAVE FROM GOD, AND THAT YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN? 20 FOR YOU WERE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE; THEREFORE GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY.

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# Luke

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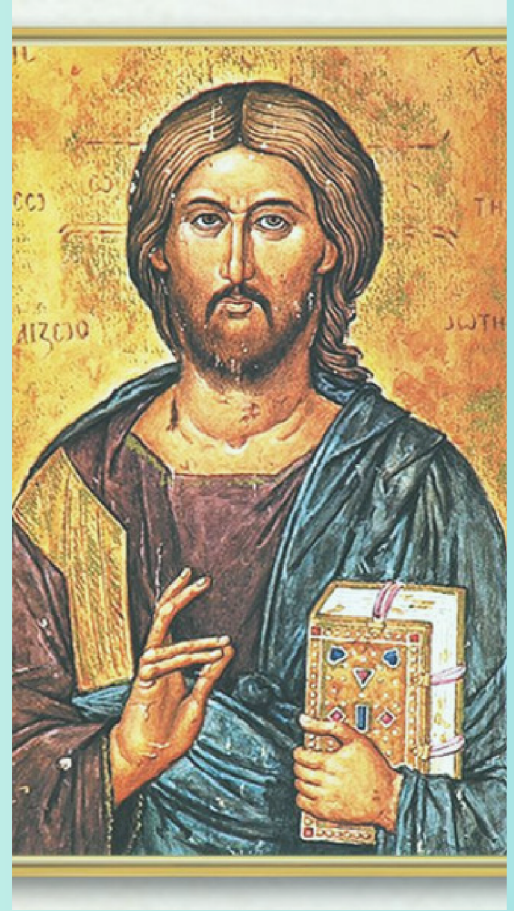
## 15:11-32

### The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother

11 Then Jesus[a] said, "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout 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 to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled himself with[b] the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 But when

'he came to himself he said, How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up 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 like one of your hired hands."' 20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'[c] 22 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

25 "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' 28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29 But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' 31 Then the father[d] said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"





# What do you hear God saying?

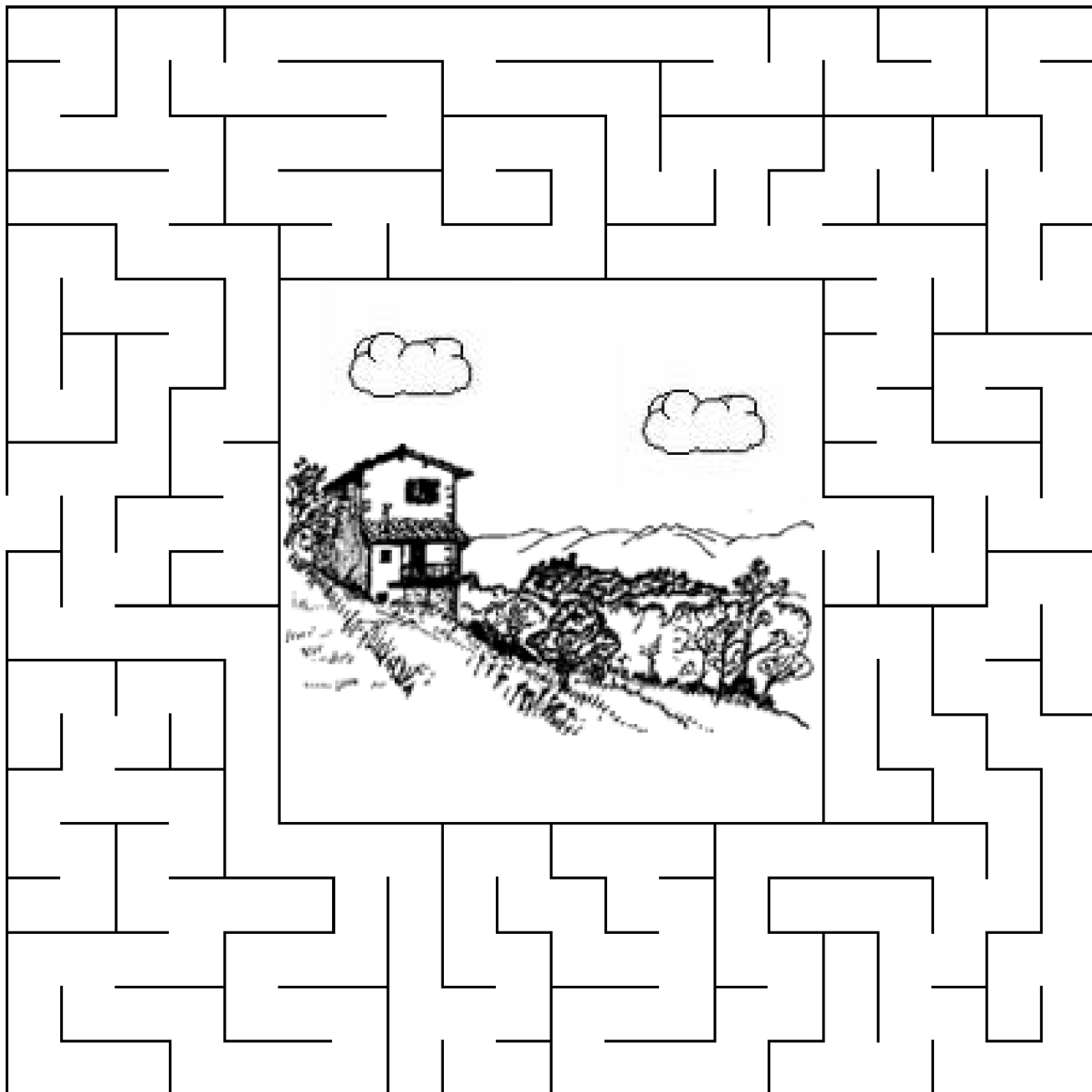
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## ○ **Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32**

What do these words from the parable of the Prodigal Son mean? Match the word to its definition. Use your dictionary to check your work.

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| • <b>Squander</b>   | concern for the suffering of others    |
| • <b>Famine</b>     | suffer death                           |
| • <b>Citizen</b>    | waste in a reckless and foolish manner |
| • <b>Swine</b>      | extreme shortage of food               |
| • <b>Perish</b>     | pigs                                   |
| • <b>Compassion</b> | festivity and rejoicing                |
| • <b>Merry</b>      | a legal inhabitant of a country        |

Help the Prodigal Son find his way home.



The Parable of the Lost Son  
Luke 15:11-32

# Prayer before Communion

O LORD, I BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT YOU ARE TRULY CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD, WHO CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS OF WHOM I AM THE FIRST.

ACCEPT ME TODAY AS A PARTAKER OF YOUR MYSTICAL SUPPER, O SON OF GOD, FOR I WILL NOT REVEAL YOUR MYSTERY TO YOUR ENEMIES, NOR WILL I GIVE YOU A KISS AS DID JUDAS, BUT LIKE THE THIEF I PROFESS YOU: REMEMBER ME, O LORD, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

REMEMBER ME, O MASTER, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

REMEMBER ME, O HOLY ONE, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

MAY THE PARTAKING OF YOUR HOLY MYSTERIES, O LORD, BE NOT FOR MY JUDGMENT OR CONDEMNATION BUT FOR THE HEALING OF SOUL AND BODY.

O LORD, I ALSO BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT THIS, WHICH I AM ABOUT TO RECEIVE, IS TRULY YOUR MOST PRECIOUS BODY AND YOUR LIFE-GIVING BLOOD, WHICH, I PRAY, MAKE ME WORTHY TO RECEIVE FOR THE REMISSION OF ALL MY SINS AND FOR LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN. O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER. O GOD, CLEANSE ME OF MY SINS AND HAVE MERCY ON ME. O LORD, FORGIVE ME FOR I HAVE SINNED WITHOUT NUMBER.

# Prayer for Vocations

**O GOD, GREAT IN MIGHT AND INSCRUTABLE IN WISDOM, MARVELOUS IN COUNSEL ABOVE THE SONS OF MEN, FATHER OF ALL PERFECT GIFTS: YOU THE SAME LORD, ENLIGHTEN WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT THE HEARTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND CALL THEM TO FOLLOW YOUR ONLY BEGOTTEN SON AND OUR SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, THE GOOD SHEPHERD! GIVE THEM THE COURAGE AND GENEROSITY NECESSARY TO OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES TO THEIR VOCATION, FOR YOU COMPLETE WHAT IS LACKING! GIVE TO THE PARENTS THAT FAITH, LOVE AND SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE WHICH WILL INSPIRE THEM TO OFFER THEIR CHILDREN TO YOUR SERVICE AND REJOICE WHENEVER ONE OF THEIR CHILDREN IS CALLED TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN A SPECIAL WAY OF PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS CONSECRATION. WE IMPLORE YOU THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE MOST PURE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY!**

**AMEN!**