



Luke 20:38 *Mostly Dead*

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- 1→ Most of us never delete anybody from our phones, yet there are a few living people we've deleted from our lives without ever saying so. Why does letting someone fade out feel easier than either working it out or saying a real goodbye? (Luke 20:38)
- 2→ The Sadducees believed dead is dead: nobody comes back, and there's no sense planning for it. Where do Christians, including churches like ours, act like Sadducees about people while still singing about the empty tomb?
- 3→ Think of a name you've moved to the all-dead list. Was there a moment when you stopped expecting anything, or did it just fade? What does how it happened tell you about why?
- 4→ The older brother filled in "prostitutes" when nobody in the story had said it (Luke 15:30). What details have you filled in about someone you've written off, and how would you actually know whether they're true?
- 5→ The younger son had already decided how much of a son he was allowed to be (Luke 15:19). What's the speech you rehearse about yourself before God, and where did you first learn those words?
- 6→ Is there someone who has pronounced you dead? What would it look like to believe God never signed that certificate, even if that person never changes their mind?
- 7→ Some relationships really are all dead for this age, and for good reasons. How do you tell the difference between a boundary God honors and a grudge you've given a spiritual name, and who in your life is honest enough to tell you which one you're holding?
- 8→ Barnabas refused to write off John Mark, and it cost him his partnership with Paul (Acts 15:37–39). What would refusing to write someone off cost you right now, and is that cost the real reason you haven't?
- 9→ The father kept the robe in the closet without knowing whether his son was ever coming home (Luke 15:22). For the name you moved this week, what would keeping the robe look like in something you actually do, not just something you feel?
- 10→ **EXTRA CREDIT:** Paul says we were dead, not mostly dead, and God still didn't sign (Ephesians 2:1–5). Who in your life first refused to write you off, and have you ever told them?