



Sermon Notes for 03.15.26 ~ Luke 15:11-32

The Way Home

On **The Way**, you and I claim those life lessons as we journey toward the cross with Jesus!

Remember why Jesus is telling this parable (see Luke 15:1-2).

The Younger Son. He chooses his own way. He is prodigal, “spending money or resources freely and recklessly.” Then he comes to his senses and decides to return home.

The Father. Saw him from a distance. Felt compassion for him. Ran to him. Wrapped his arms around him. And kissed him.

The Older Son. Stayed by his father’s side, choosing to be loyal & obedient. He was working when the party began and refused to go in.

Father = Heavenly Father

Younger Son = Sinners & Tax Collectors
(welcomed by Jesus)

Older Son = Pharisees & Teachers of the Law

**Making space for
repentance & reconciliation:**

- **Demonstrate Remorse.** If you are sorry, then acknowledge your wrongdoing, guilt, regret, and sorrow. When you demonstrate remorse, you begin the process toward repentance & reconciliation.
- **Take Responsibility.** Identify the things in which you are responsible. Show appropriate changes in your attitude and behavior. When you take responsibility, you make space for others to respond.
- **Make Restitution.** Whenever possible, take action to repair any damage done. I read that **“reconciliation is a two-sided process where repentance meets forgiveness.”** When you make restitution, you rebuild trust.
- **Seek Reflection.** Spend moments in prayer reflecting on what you have experienced. Give thanks for lessons learned. When you seek reflection, you better understand the process of **repentance & reconciliation.**