

# Protecting our Families & Responding to Prodigals

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## Luke 15 | 8.21.22

**Luke 15:11-31** Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. <sup>13</sup> And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. <sup>14</sup> But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. <sup>15</sup> Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. <sup>16</sup> And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, <sup>19</sup> and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" <sup>20</sup> "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; <sup>24</sup> for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. <sup>25</sup> "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' <sup>28</sup> "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' <sup>31</sup> "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.' "

## Home | Sick of Home | Home-Sick | Home Again

**2 Timothy 2:24-26** And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, <sup>25</sup> in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them \_\_\_\_\_, so that they may know the \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>26</sup> and that they may come to their \_\_\_\_\_ and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

**Proverbs 28:13** He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them will have mercy.

## The Difference Between Disobedience & Rebellion

### Disobedience

1. A struggle with the rules
2. Dependence is upon God and battles with self-dependence
3. An inward wrestling, deals with guilt
4. Looks for ways to improve obedience
5. Takes responsibility, little blame shifting
6. Understands why discipline is necessary
7. Over-come by temptation, faith is weak
8. Reluctant but will admit when wrong

### Rebellion

1. A struggle with the rule giver
2. Dependent upon self and desires independence from God
3. Very little inward turmoil & guilt
4. No desire for obedience
5. Irresponsibility, many excuses
6. Will not comprehend why there are rules and discipline
7. Pre-mediates sin and desires it
8. Justifies disobedience by discrediting those in authority

### Steps to Rebellion:

1. **Selfishness:** I want it my way. *Romans 7:21-23, 1Corinthians 15:51, Philippians 1:21, 2:21*
2. **Stubbornness:** I won't stop until I get what I want. *Psalm 32:9, 78:1-8, 81:12, Proverbs 18:2, Romans 1:22*
3. **Indifference:** I don't care who it hurts. *Psalm 14:1, Proverbs 1:10-33, 10:23*
4. **Resistance:** I refuse to listen to any godly advice  
*Proverbs 12:15, 14:16, 26:11-12, Ecclesiastes 7:5, Hebrews 3:7-15*
5. **Contempt:** I don't care about the consequences  
*Proverbs 17:10, 26:3, Matthew 3:7, Luke 12:20, John 3:36, Romans 2:5*

**Hebrews 3:12-15** *Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; <sup>13</sup> but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup> For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, <sup>15</sup> while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."*

**Proverbs 4:23** *Keep (guard, protect) your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.*

**"Change does not take place** until we apply what we are learning in very specific ways, at very specific times, and always in **dependence on God's grace** to make our efforts effective." C.J. Mahaney