HARD SAYINGS
OF JESUS
THE OTHER PRODIGAL: THE BATTLE BETWEEN GRACE & JUSTICE

Luke 15:11-32
He also said: “A man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the estate I have coming”
to me.’ So he distributed the assets to them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all he had and traveled
to a distant country, where he squandered his estate in foolish living. After he had spent everything, a severe famine struck
that country, and he had nothing. Then he went to work for one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed.”
pigs. He longed to eat his fill from the carob pods the pigs were eating, but no one would give him any. When he came to his senses,”
he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have more than enough food, and here I am dying of hunger! I’ll get up, go to my
father, and say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I’m no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me
like one of your hired hands.’ So he got up and went to his father. But while the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and
was filled with compassion. He ran, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned
against heaven and in your sight.
I’m no longer worthy to be called your son.’ “But the father told his slaves, ‘Quick! Bring out the best
robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Then bring the fattened calf and slaughter it, and let’s
celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ So they began to
celebrate. “Now his older son was in the field; as he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he summoned one of
the servants and asked what these things meant. ‘Your brother is here,’ he told him, ‘and your father has slaughtered the
fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ “Then he became angry and didn’t want to go in. So his father came out and
pleaded with him. But he replied
to his father, ‘Look, I have been
slaving many years for you, and I
have never disobeyed your orders,
yet you never gave me a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured
your assets with prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.’ "Son,’ he said to him, ‘you are always with me, and
everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was
lost and is found.””
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