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The Blaming Brother

Luke 15:27,28 *And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.'*
28 But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him,

In Luke 15 Jesus tells one of the most poignant stories to share with us the way that God the Father views those who walk away from Him. The Prodigal son walks away with the Father's blessings and wastes them on himself. You would think he was the one who would be corrected at the end of these events, but He never is in the story. He repents and is accepted.

Jesus does however mention a correction. It is given to the son who stayed close to the Father the whole time. He never left the Father or wasted his inheritance. So, what did he do? His mistake within this parable was that he failed to develop the heart of the Father. He didn't love his brother as he should have, and did not see the great cause for rejoicing when his brother returned. The Father has to correct him because with his attitude the lost brother could have stayed just that ... Lost. When we see others that have hurt God and their own lives with their decisions turn back to God our job is not to punish or judge them more. Our job is to celebrate in the fact they have returned home. So, lets all reach out to the lost like the Father, and rejoice when someone genuinely returns to the fold. What an awesome Father we serve.

John

Here To Listen

Acts 10:33 So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us.

Cornelius was a Roman centurion for the Italian Regiment. He was a Gentile but was a good man. The Scriptures describe him as devout, God-fearing, generous and a man of prayer. This is a man that deeply desired to know what God wanted him to do. One afternoon at 3 o'clock he had a vision. Three was a time of prayer for the Jewish people. In response to his prayer he got the information needed in order to find out God's will. Cornelius was to send to Joppa for Peter. Peter would come to explain everything required for Cornelius to follow the Lord.

Cornelius' enthusiasm to learn about God's plan is inspiring. Quickly he sent men to find Peter and in a short time they returned. Peter came into the house to find not only Cornelius but a large gathering of relatives and friends. One reason brought them all together. They wanted to know what God had commanded Peter to tell them. They listened and at the conclusion of the gathering they were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. How rare and how thrilling to see men who want to hear God's word and when they hear it to respond immediately. Their hearts were right.

When we read the Scriptures, is it for the purpose of learning and applying? When we assemble, are we here to listen and then to obey the teachings? Are we gathering friends and family around to hear God's word? Let's have a heart that seeks God in all things and then let's do what he commands.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton - chemo
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman
- Athaleen Cox
- Clyde Farris
- Myrna Jett-broken ankle
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Melissa Stutts - surgery Friday, Sept. 30th
- Barney Roland
- Donald White - outpatient surgery Oct. 11
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Walker Woods - grandson of Marna McAdams, J.C. Gray - cousin of Kay Beard, David Davidson, Jackson Gordon, Marie Skelton, Little Natalie Kuykendall, Marvin Norman - brother of Roberta Bolton, Ann Lamar, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Darrell Brown - cancer, Ralph Gilmore, Vonda Hoeye - friend of Kayla Kirtley, Dianne Thomas Stevens - friend of the Nicholsons, Charles Wilkins - Tracey's dad, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, James Garner-uncle of Terry Burgess, Dot Martin, sister of Linda Weaver - NHC Columbia, Rm. 138-A, David Phillips, Laurie Ann Beever - cousin of Kim Fitzgerald and Baileys Christensen - friend of Kim, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Austin Long and Joyce Runions - relatives of Phillis Churchwell, Alex and Evan Rector, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Debbie Spears, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Kathy Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John Mayberry, Katherine Jones - mother of Alice Bolton, Mike Primm, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219 - 901-0280, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker - sister/Benny Bolton, Ann Graham - Morning Pointe, Rm. 113, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker, Kendall Westmoreland, Virginia Clay, Willard Blocker, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8.

WORSHIP LEADERS OCTOBER 9, 2016

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Dennis Thomason
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Nathan Hixson
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Randy Jones
 Jim Anderson Jeremy Britt
 Trent Hill Barrow Brown
 Sonny Hargrove John Allen Thomas
 E.J. Hill Trent Thomason
 Read: Luke 15:20-24.....John Massey
 Sermon: Jesus Will Accept You.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Donnie G. Davis
 Prayer.....Jim Pollard
 Read: Micah 2:1-5.....Tommy Hight
 Sermon: Might Doesn't Make Right.....Joe Macer
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Gary Boyd
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jody Pritchett

Ushers: Jacob Pollard, Brennon White, Lee Winchester

Greeters: James & Roberta Bolton, Ed & Joyce Johnson

Visual: Chase Thomason, Jerry Thornton

Security Team: A.M. and P.M.—Chris Mobley, Dustin Stutts

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NURSERY CARE

Wednesday, Oct. 12 - Fall Series - 6:30 P.M.

A.M.....Libby Moss, Jan Thomason
 P.M.....Cecelia Willis

Song LeaderJerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Gary Boyd
 Announcements.....John Thomas
 Speaker.....Keith Parker