

## Sermon Notes

### *Insights from Luke*

#62 – “Outrageous Grace” – Luke 15:25-32

#### I. Introduction

##### A. The wonderment of God’s love.

1. Beautifully on display in Luke 15.
2. Parables
  - a. Lost sheep
  - b. Lost coin
  - c. Lost son

##### B. Last week – the lost son.

1. “The prodigal son” is now proverbial.

##### C. Today – “Prodigal God”?

1. Webster’s
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
2. “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”
3. We will continue to study God’s love today, but first we must consider the older son.
4. Today’s text: Luke 15:25-32

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Luke 15:25-26

1. All three parables are directed to the Pharisees.
2. The elder son’s disposition prior to the younger son’s departure needs clarification.
3. Loud merriment, verse 25.
4. Why wasn’t the eldest son invited?
  - a. Causes for animosity.

##### B. Luke 15:27

1. Holding a party was not simply because the child returned home. It was because he was received back as a S\_\_\_\_.
2. “Safe and sound” – means peaceful situation.

##### C. Luke 15:28

1. Now the real state of affairs becomes apparent. The son’s

inner thoughts erupt.

2. “Angry” – original term denotes rage.
3. The older brother was lost just as much as the younger son.
  - a. Inward sin, now outward.
  - b. The Pharisees would have thought highly of the older son.
  - c. MacArthur

##### D. Luke 15:29-30

1. The father as God – Come to salvation.
  - a. Ezekiel 18:31; 33:11; Luke 19:10
2. Surprise to the Pharisees.
3. Secret resentment on the part of the older son.
  - a. His money was being spent on the party for the younger brother.
4. Luke 15:29
  - a. “Look” – Insolence.
  - b. “Son of yours”
  - c. A rejection of sonship and case for servanthood – Works!
  - d. “Living with harlots”

##### E. Luke 15:31-32

1. The father goes out to the older son.
2. The father’s approach.
  - a. “My child” – very endearing.
  - b. “You have always been with me.”
3. Luke 15:32
  - a. Deadness to life, lost to found.
  - b. The prodigal son did not deserve reconciliation.
  - c. A word to the Pharisees, too.

#### III. Points for Reflection

- A. How many of us have a kinship with the older brother?
- B. The younger brother should have lost everything. He had it coming to him.
- C. Is it love for the father because of who He is, or love of what He grants?
- D. God gave the candy store away, and we all are still enjoying the sugar high.