Choices

The Prodigal Son



Once there was a very wealthy man who had two sons. The younger son came to his father and demanded his share of the **inheritance**. The father gladly split the assets and gave the younger son his share.

A few weeks later, the younger son packed his bags and journeyed to a very distant land. He spent his money **lavishly** on friends and wild parties. Within a very short time, he had **squandered** every penny of his inheritance. His new friends abandoned him, and he was alone in a foreign land.

Time of no food

At the same time, a great **famine** spread throughout the land. There was no work and very little food. The younger son became desperate and took a job **feeding pigs** – the most humiliating job he could possibly get. He was so hungry that he wanted to eat the scraps that he fed them.



After many days, he finally came to his senses.

"How many of my father's servants have more than enough to eat while I am starving? "I will return to my father and ask him to **forgive** me and make me one of his **servants**," said the younger son.

So the young son headed home. While still a distance from the farm, the father saw his younger son approaching. The father **sprinted** across the field, threw his arms around his son, and kissed him.

"Father I have sinned. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Please make me one of your servants," said the younger son.

But the father would have none of that. He told the servants that had followed him to bring a **robe** to put around him, a **ring** for his finger and **sandals** for his feet. Bring the fatted calf. He then instructed them to prepare a **feast** to celebrate his son's return.

"My son was dead, but now he is alive! He was lost, but now he is found!" announced the father. The servants prepared a massive celebration with food, music, and dancing. Out in the fields, the older brother heard the noise.

The older brother grabbed a servant and asked, "What is happening?"
"Your father is celebrating the return of your brother," said the servant.
The older brother was very **angry** and refused to attend the **party.** His father came out to the field to talk to him. "Please come and join the celebration," said the father.

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