

New Life



Matthew 5:17

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets: I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Luke 15:1-2

Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Both the Pharisees and the scribes began to *grumble*... (NASB)

Luke 15:11-12

Jesus continued, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

Luke 15:13-14

“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.”

squander

Waste (something, especially money or time) in a reckless and foolish manner.

Matthew 16:26

What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?

Luke 15:15-16

“So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.”

Leviticus 11:26

“Every animal that has a split hoof not completely divided or that does not chew the cud is unclean for you; whoever touches the carcass of any of them will be unclean.”

Luke 15:15-16

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The world is only going to give you something when you have something to give in return.

Luke 15:17-18

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you...

Luke 15:19

... 'I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.'

Isaiah 40:28-29

Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Isaiah 40:30-31

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Yet those who *wait* for the Lord will gain new strength. (Isaiah 40:31a NASB)

We can't leave home without Him

Luke 15:20a

So he got up and went to his father.

Luke 15:20b-21

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

He is looking out for us even when we are
not looking for Him.

Romans 8:37

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”

Luke 15:22-24

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.”

Philippians 3:12

Not that I have already obtained all this,
or have already been made perfect, but I
press on to take hold of that for which
Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Luke 15:25-27

“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

Luke 15:28-29

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.’”

Luke 15:30

“But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!”

Luke 15:31-32

“ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘ you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ”