

Jesus Redeems: Reminiscing the Story of Our Redemption

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Introduction:

Luke 15:11-27

A. The Prodigal Son's Need of Redemption

1. He had a personal **story** about the past. (vv. 11-16)
2. He found himself in **deep trouble** and **helpless**. (vv. 11-16)

B. The Prodigal Son's Experience of Redemption

1. He **decided** to return to his father (vv 17, 18, 20)
2. He made the **decision** to ask for forgiveness (vv 18, 20)

C. The Prodigal Son's Means of Redemption

1. The meaning of redemption (v. 18; Eph. 1:7)
 - a. **To buy back**
 - b. **To free from captivity by payment of ransom**
2. The meaning of atonement (Luke 15:20; Rom. 5:11)
 - a. The **removal** of transgression when an offended person pardons and remove the offense.
 - b. The **reconciliation** of two parties

D. The Prodigal Son's Blessing of Redemption (Luke 15:22-27))

1. He was given a **robe**.
2. He was given a **ring**.
3. He was given **sandals**.
4. He was given a **big celebration**.

Conclusion

Table Talk

Overview

After Jesus established His authority through miraculous healings and wise teachings, you might think that everyone would embrace Jesus as Messiah—the Anointed One. As we will see in this session, not everyone did. But for those who were open, He would now reveal himself as Redeemer—the one who came to seek and save the lost.

1. When you were a kid, did you ever pack a bag with the intention of running away from home? How far did you make it? What happened?

2. What does God's grace mean to you?

3. **Read Luke 15:1–7.**

- * Not many of us today have our own flock of sheep. Can you recall a lost item for which you launched an all-out search?

4. **Read Luke 15:8–10.**

- * How could we as believers or churches celebrate with others who come to relationship with Jesus?

5. Read Luke 15:11–16.

- * Were you like the rebellious son who had to learn things the hard way? Share about your experience.

6. Read Luke 15:17–24

- * Looking back at your own faith journey, what evidence do you see of God the Father moving toward you, even when you were “still a long way off”?
- * At the same time, we often want to save the people we love from their own tough circumstances. How do you decide when to intervene and when to allow others to face the results of their own choices?

7. Read Luke 15:25–32.

- * Often, prodigals don't fear whether God will love and forgive them. Instead, they worry about whether others in the church will love and forgive them. Discuss how you can welcome those who are trying to come home to their faith.