



## True Vine's Virtual VBS 2020 *Grades 4-6*

June 15, 2020

Week 3 At Sea: *Lavished With Grace Luke 15:22-23*

- **Deck Plan-** Luke 15:20-32
- **Key Card-** “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.”
- **Main Seating-** Dear God, thank You for Your grace and love that holds us and keeps us. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.
- **Bridge/Docking-** Celebrate: to do something special or enjoyable for an important event, occasion, holiday, person, Grace: help given or kindness shown by God to His people

The parable of the Prodigal Son is found in Luke 15:11-32.

### **Prodigal Son Story Summary**

The story of the Prodigal Son, also known as the Parable of the Lost Son, follows immediately after the parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin. With these three parables, Jesus demonstrated what it means to be lost, how heaven celebrates with joy when the lost are found, and how the loving Father longs to save people.

Jesus was also responding to the Pharisees' complaint: "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

The story of the Prodigal Son begins with a man who has two sons. The younger son asks his father for his portion of the family estate as an early inheritance. Once received, the son promptly sets off on a long journey to a distant land and begins to waste his fortune on wild living.

When the money runs out, a severe famine hits the country and the son finds himself in dire circumstances. He takes a job feeding pigs. Eventually, he grows so destitute that he even longs to eat the food assigned to the pigs.

The young man finally comes to his senses, remembering his father. In humility, he recognizes his foolishness and decides to return to his father and ask for forgiveness and mercy. The father who has been watching and waiting, receives his son back with open arms of compassion. He is overjoyed by the return of his lost son.

Immediately the father turns to his servants and asks them to prepare an enormous feast in celebration of his son's return.

Meanwhile, the older son boiles in anger when he comes in from working the fields to discover a party with music and dancing to celebrate his younger brother's return. The father tries to dissuade the older brother from his jealous rage explaining, "You are always with me, and everything I have is yours."

Like the Prodigal Son in today's lesson, we are all welcomed when we return to our Father's love and protection. When we realize the error of our ways, we are welcomed back with open arms by God's grace. Is there anything that we could do to keep us from being welcomed back to God?

1. What had the younger son done with his inheritance?
2. Why did the father celebrate when he saw his younger son approaching?
3. Why was the older son angry?

ACTIVITY – Circle the word/phrase in each sentence that will correctly complete the statements.

1. The man ordered that the servants prepare (*his old bedroom/a calf fattening in the pen*) as a feast for his son's return.
2. The man confessed his sins to this father and said that (*he was not worthy to be his son/he deserved a second chance.*)
3. When the servant explained what was happening, the older son was (*excited to see his brother/upset that he had never had a feast in his honor.*)
4. The man ordered the servants to bring (*a cup of water/fine robes, a ring, and sandals*) for his son.
5. The man said that his son was (*lost but was found/deserved to suffer*).