

March 1, 2009 - Elevation 10:45 | Brent Dedmon

## The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32

# Parables

## MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM

### “DEADLY OLDER-BROTHER-SYNDROME”

1. No one can resent God’s love for sinners, because we are ALL sinners (vv. 25-30)!

*Romans 3:10-12, 23-24, 27-28*

a. Redefining Sin:

b. Do you have Older-Brother-Syndrome?

*Matthew 7:3-4; 23:25-28*

i. Do you get angry and bitter when life is “unfair” (vs. 28)?

ii. Is your faith driven by duty or fear instead of by joy and love (vs. 29a)

iii. Are you absolutely sure that God loves and delights in you (vs. 29b)?

iv. Do you have a sense of superiority and a judgmental spirit (vs. 30)?

2. No one is kept from God’s love for sinners, because God is love (vv. 31-32)!

*1 John 4:7-16*

a. God pleads with us.

*James 4:5*

b. God adopts and celebrates with us.

*Romans 8:14-17; Ephesians 1:3; Colossians 1:12-14*

## RESPONSE: \_\_\_\_\_

After the message, reflect on the extravagant love of God in light of our incredible sin. Whether you feel like you need to “come to your senses” and repent, celebrate the grandness of being found a child of the Father, or pray for those who are lost and need to return, I’d like you to respond by boldly approaching the steps in the front. Let us come to the Father in repentance, gratitude, or petition.

## COMMUNION

Almost every Sunday we will offer Communion at the stations. This Sunday we will not be offering communion stations, but please return next week as we take communion as a church body.

## GIVING

Normally, In our Elevation services we want to encourage you and your family to bring your offering prayerfully as your gift in worship to God to the buckets located at the stations. This Sunday we will be passing the offering before the message in our service.

## PRAYER

After the service, there will be prayer counselors in the back “Prayer Booth” to pray for any situation you may have. The world is not a perfect place, and we all have struggles. Make your requests known, and let someone pray with you this morning.



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