

Come Home – The Invitation
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Text: Luke 15:11-32

1. The invitation is inclusive

“A certain man had two sons.” (Vs. 11)

2. The invitation still exists even after we fail

“But when he had come to himself, he said, How many of my fathers hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!” (Vs. 17)

3. The invitation is revealing – Luke 15:25-30

“But he was angry and would not go in.” (Vs. 28)

Lessons learned from the angry son

- Acceptance is not based on our performance

“...these many years I have been serving you; I never transgress your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.” (Vs. 29b)

- Condemnation of those who have failed is not our job

“But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.” (Vs. 30)