

Lost and Found

Wylie United Methodist Church

Pastor Jeff Hatcher – April 10, 2022 (Palm Sunday)

Luke 15:11-24

11 Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. 13 "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. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. 17 "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! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' 20 So he got up and went to his father. "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. 21 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 "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. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate."

To go from Lost to Found, we must...

I. **ACKNOWLEDGE WE ARE A BROKEN PEOPLE**

Luke 15:14

"he began to be in need."

1 Samuel 2:2

There is no one holy like the LORD.

Romans 3:10

There is no one righteous, not even one.

Romans 3:23

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

To go from Lost to Found, we must...

2. **DEMONSTRATE REMORSE**

Luke 15:17

"he came to his senses"

Acts 2:38

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins."

Psalms 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart...

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3. **RETURN TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER**

Luke 15:18

"I will set out and go back to my father"

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4. **ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE EMBRACED AND RESTORED BY OUR HEAVENLY FATHER**

Luke 15:20, 22-24

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Colossians 2:13-14

13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave [you] all [your] sins, 14... he took [them] away, nailing [them] to the cross.