# IT'S COMING FROM INSIDE THE HOUSE

The Prodigal Brother's Attitude
Luke 15

"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 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. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.



"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'

The Point had Become the Problem

Jesus Became the Problem
A Restored Family Member Became the
Problem

THE HEART OF THE FATHER

Our Heavenly Father's Goal:
To Restore Lost Family Members to His
Household

## **A GRACIOUS HEART**

Bring the best robe and put it on him.

The Father Restored Him as Son He did not Deserve It – That's Grace

The Brother's Attitude: NOT GRACE – BUT JUSTICE

**Envious of the Father's Generosity** 

The Father's Heart was on the Lost One



## **A JOYFUL HEART**

Let's have a feast and celebrate.

The Father Welcomed the Son

The Brother's Attitude: NOT JOY – BUT ENTITLEMENT

His Heart Was Filled with Resentment

The Father Wants to Give Us Joy Celebrate What the Father Celebrates



## A FAITHFUL HEART

you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

The Father Displays Faithfulness to Both Sons

The Brother's Attitude:

NOT FAITHFUL - BUT DEMANDING

Like a Job instead of a Family

We can Overlook Our Father's Goodness

Our Faithful Father Says that We are Family



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