## LIVING STORY

A SERIES on THE PARABLES



THE PARABLE of THE PRODIGAL SON PART 1 of 2

There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the estate." So he divided his property between them. 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. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.

He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. 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! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men." 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. 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.

Foolish willingness to move away from home with the Father.

> The Father's uncontainable love & grace in wooing us back home.



#### GIVEN but FORFEITED

A relationship of unfettered intimacy that comes from living at home with the Father.

#### PROVISION

for all of our needs which the Father perfectly, continually and fully satisfies.

#### PURPOSE

through corulership over all the Father possesses which produces true significance in life.

#### PROMISE

of unending and unlimited blessing to come; all the Father has is our **inheritance**.

## CROSSROADS of TRUST

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Our trust that God's character is good

Our trust that God's Word is true

Our trust that obedience produces God's blessing

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## CROSSROADS of PAIN

"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." C.S.LEWIS



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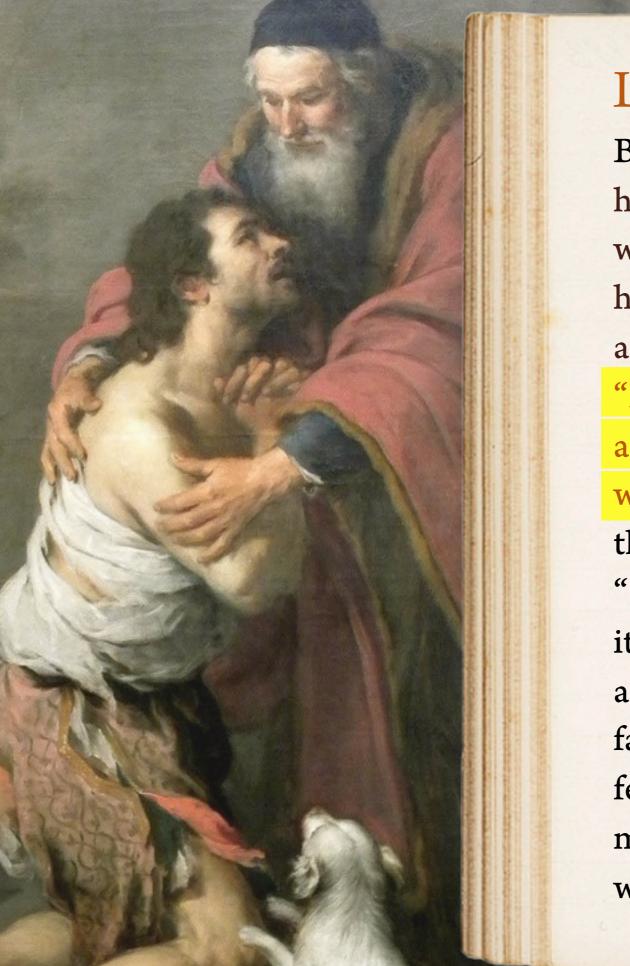


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### God wants you back home

### Living a better story begins with entrusting your life to His grace!



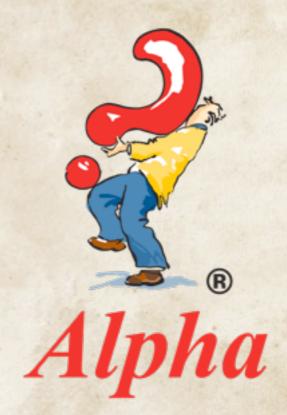
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