

# LIVING *a better* STORY

A SERIES *on* THE PARABLES



## THE PARABLE *of* THE PRODIGAL SON

PART 1 *of* 2



## LUKE 15:11-24

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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.



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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 co-rulership 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**.



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#1

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TRUST



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## CROSSROADS *of* TRUST

Our trust that God's  
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Our trust that God's  
Word is true

Our trust that obedience  
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#2

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.”*

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**SURRENDER**





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God wants *you* back home



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*begins* with entrusting  
your life to His grace!

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*Alpha*

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while building lasting  
relationships!