

# car Qs

Sunday, January 28th



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1. Which son decides to leave home?
2. What job is the son doing when he decides to go back home?
3. True or false: the father punishes the son when he comes home.

## Praying Together:

Lord Jesus,

By telling us the story of the Prodigal Son, you remind us that our Heavenly Father loves us and always welcomes us home, even if we've made Him sad. Grant us the courage to always come home to God. Amen.

## Jan. 28/18, Sunday of the Prodigal Son

1. Which son decides to leave home?
  1. The younger son.
  2. “And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal<sup>1</sup> living.”<sup>2</sup>
  3. Because this is a parable, a story symbolic of something else, there are many double-meanings throughout the story.
    1. *Orthodox Study Bible* note on 15:12-14: “The son’s request for his **portion of goods** [...] indicates man receiving his free will and his rational mind from God. As Adam did in Eden, the **younger** son uses these **possessions** to rebel against his **father**. The **far country** represents life in exile from God.”<sup>3</sup>
    2. The younger son takes what he believes to be his and then rejects the father, something we all do to God the Father.
2. What job is the son doing when he decides to go back home?
  1. Feeding pigs.
  2. “Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.”<sup>4</sup>
  3. Feeding pigs was the least respectable job a person could do.<sup>5</sup>
3. True or false: the father punishes the son when he comes home.
  1. False: the father runs to him, embraces him, and throws him a party.
  2. The father represents our Heavenly Father, the one who actively reaches out to us when we decide to ask for forgiveness for the wrongs we do. We know God is an active God because he became human for us, suffered for us, died for us on a cross (the most humiliating death one could die), and then conquered death.<sup>6</sup>

\*\*\*Check out the Pastoral Centre for more commentaries on the parable of the Prodigal Son\*\*\*

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<sup>1</sup> Extravagantly wasteful; Profuse, abundant (*Riverside Webster’s II Dictionary*, p.546).

<sup>2</sup> Luke 15:12-13.

<sup>3</sup> p. 1397

<sup>4</sup> Luke 15:15

<sup>5</sup> Note on Luke 15:15, *Orthodox Study Bible*, p. 1397.

<sup>6</sup> Notes on Luke 15:20, 15:22, 15:23, *Orthodox Study Bible*, p.1397-1398.