A Rebel Comes Home

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INTRODUCTION

- Rebellious behavior is sinful behavior. Let's call things what they ought to be called.
- That young person that is rebellious is not confused, is not immature, that is not irresponsible. That young person is lost.

1 The Son Comes to His Father

Luke 15:11–12; Proverbs 30:11–17; Ecclesiastes 11:9

- A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.
- This boy came to his father and in essence was saying to his dad, I can't wait for you to die.
- God will allow you to make decisions in your youth that will destroy you. He will not prevent it.
- This father was not willing to amend his values to keep a rebel at home.
- I admire the fact that he was willing to let that boy suffer the consequences of his decision.

2 The Son Comes to a Far Country

Luke 15:13; Matthew 15:8; 2 Peter 2:19

- A far country is measured in the distance one travels from God.
- We have some of our young people that are in far countries, but they're still at home.
- We don't break the laws of God. We break ourselves upon rejection of those laws.
- While they promise them liberty, that's freedom. They themselves are slaves of corruption or depravity.
- This is what the far country offers. There's no such thing as freedom.

3 The Son Comes to Be in Need

Luke 15:14–16; Proverbs 10:1

- But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land. And he began to be in want.
- This boy spent all of his inheritance, and the reason that those people had for caring about him was gone.
- The far country looks good until the money runs out, and then the so called friends are gone.
- When the bottom falls out of your life, they will not be there for you. Only your parents will be there for you.

4 He Came to Himself

Luke 15:16–19

- I will arise and go to my father. And will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

- So long as you enable, so long as you surrender to the needs of someone who is in rebellion, they will never come to themselves.
- This boy came to himself for the very reason that his father was not there to pick up after him.
- He said, You know what? I don't have to live this way anymore.
- They don't need for us to enable them in their rebellion. They don't need for us to build bigger and better pig pens in the far country.

5 My Son Has Come Home

Luke 15:20–24

- But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.
- For this, my son was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found, and they began to be merry.
- He confessed, I have sinned. He didn't say, you know what? Everybody makes their mistakes.
- He said, Come on home, son. My son was dead, and now my son is alive.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If I have described you tonight, if you're estranged from your family and estranged from God, please reconcile tonight.**

MY NOTES