The Parable of the Prodigal Son

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INTRODUCTION

- Jesus' parables always had one central truth to them. And these three parables are saying the same thing.
- Every one of them says, I came to seek and save that which was lost.
- Do you know that the word prodigal doesn't mean somebody that left and came back? It means somebody that's wasteful.

1 We See What Sin Is

1 John 3:4; James 4:17

- Sin, ladies and gentlemen, is a selfish choice of one's own person in preference to God.
- In James chapter 4 and verse 17, James says, to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin.
- God says, do it, I don't want to do it. God says, don't do it, I want to do it. And when I make that choice, I bring myself under the condemnation of sin.
- But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face so that he will not hear.
- Temptation always leads to sin, people. Temptation is the predicate on which sin is founded.
- He was bedazzled by the lights of the far country. That's the way sin is. And so he made a selfish choice.

2 We See What Sin Does

- Scripture says that he wasted his substance on riotous living.
- Not only can he not find good work that he's accustomed to doing, but he can't find any work at all. And to the extent that he has to go and feed pigs.
- I'm telling you, all of us need to understand that whatever shines is not necessarily gold.
- It separates you from good things. It separates you from holiness and piety. It separates you from goodness.
- It takes you places that you don't want to go. And it does not stand still.
- It separated this fellow from the fellowship of his father, from the love that is around the hearth.

MY NOTES