



THE LOST SONS | WEEK 3
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“Repent, for the **kingdom** of heaven is at hand.” *Matthew 4:17*

People are _____.

To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: “A man had two sons. The younger son told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now **before you die.**’ [...] A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in **wild living.**” *Luke 15:11-13*

The younger son thought real life was found _____
the Kingdom.

“Idols always break the hearts of their worshipers.” – C.S. Lewis

“When he finally **came to his senses**, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! I will go home to my father and say, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.”’” *Luke 15:17-19*

The younger son didn't feel _____.

“So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with **love** and **compassion**, he ran to his son, **embraced** him, and **kissed** him. His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’ But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest **robe** in the house and put it on him. Get a **ring** for his finger and **sandals** for his feet. And kill the **calf** we have been fattening. We must **celebrate** with a feast, for this son of mine was **dead** and has now returned to **life**. He was **lost**, but now he is **found**.’ So the party began.” *Luke 15:20-24*

“God’s love and forgiveness can pardon and restore any and every kind of sin or wrongdoing. It doesn’t matter who you are or what you’ve done... There is no evil that the father’s love cannot pardon and cover...”
– Tim Keller

God loves _____.

“Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, and he asked one of the servants what was going on. ‘Your brother is back,’ he was told, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.’” *Luke 15:25-27*

“The older brother was **angry** and wouldn’t go in. His father came out and begged him, but he replied, ‘All these years I’ve slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!’” *Luke 15:28-30*

The older son thought real life was found in _____
_____.

“His father said to him, ‘Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours.’” *Luke 15:31*

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