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THE FORGIVING FATHER

Luke 15:11-32

- I. The Independent Younger Son: (11-20)
 - A. The Request: "Give me what is mine."
 - B. The Experience
 1. Separation from his father, his father's house, his father's country, his father's security, his father's wealth.
 2. Poor choices combined with a severe famine resulted in poverty.
 3. He came to his senses: longing for his father's house, his father's country, his father's security, his father's wealth.
 4. He decides to return ... practicing his first words to his father.
- II. The Forgiving Father: (20-24)
 - A. Longing for his son's return.
 - B. Sees his son "while still a long way off."
Compassion, embraced and kissed his son.
 - C. Hears his son's request to return.
 - D. Tells his servants to prepare a welcome party.
- III. The Complaining Older Brother: (25-30)
 - A. Learns of the return of the younger brother.
 - B. Learns of the party plans
 - C. Reacts with: Anger, resentment, jealousy, judgment, and an unforgiving spirit
- IV. The Father brings everything into focus: (31-32)

³¹ " 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' "

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Call to Worship 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

C: **For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.**

*Hymn No. 108 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing - Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King - Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high - Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky - Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again – Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain – Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

*Invocation

Scripture Reading Luke 15:11-32

¹¹ Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off

for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "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! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

²⁸ "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

³¹ " 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything

I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' ”

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The Independent Younger Son

*Hymn No. 270 *Wonderful Words of Life*

Sing them over again to me - wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see - wonderful words of life.

Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty:
Beautiful words, wonderful words wonderful words of life
Beautiful words, wonderful words wonderful words of life

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call - wonderful words of life.

All so freely given, wooing us to heaven:
Beautiful words, wonderful words wonderful words of life
Beautiful words, wonderful words wonderful words of life

Sweetly echo the gospel call - wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all - wonderful words of life.

Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever:
Beautiful words, wonderful words wonderful words of life
Beautiful words, wonderful words wonderful words of life

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Pastoral Prayer

Hymn *Thy Word*

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Thy word is a lamp unto my feet ~ And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid ~ Think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet ~ And a light unto my path
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet ~ And a light unto my path

I will not forget ~ Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide And hold me to Your side
And I will love You to the end

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet ~ And a light unto my path
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*Choral Benediction No. 465 *Shepherd of Love* (vs. 1)

Shepherd of love, You knew I had lost my way;
Shepherd of love, You cared that I'd gone astray.
You sought and found me, placed around me
Strong arms that carried me home;
No for can harm me or alarm me – Never again will I roam!
Shepherd of love, Savior and Lord and Guide,
Shepherd of love, Forever I'll stay by Your side.

*Postlude