



## SECOND CHANCES: LUKE 15:11-32

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*"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."* -- Jesus

**The Big Idea:** God gives second chances to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ sinners.

### 1. When you're lost, you aren't thinking \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the estate." So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. Luke 15:11-16

### 2. When you're lost, you're still \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>17</sup> When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my 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. <sup>21</sup> The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:17-24

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!  
I John 3:1

### 3. When you're lost, you need to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>28</sup> The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> **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. . ."** <sup>31</sup> "My son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> 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." Luke 15:28-29,31-32

#### My Next Step Today:

- ☐ Memorize Luke 19:10: "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost."
- ☐ Thank God for "second chances."
- ☐ Pray for the Gebert family as they share Christ in East Asia.
- ☐ Bring a friend next week for Week 5 of PLAN B.