



The Street Lights Are On!

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Text: Luke 15:11-32

Passage Summary: As the church continues to press on for the cause of Christ in these last days, it is essential that in the _____ of battle, we do not lose sight of the _____ of God!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that the story of the prodigal son reveals the heart of _____ to seek and save the lost, as well as the heart of the _____. He came to seek and save! (15:11-32)

Application: Recognize when it comes to the story of the prodigal son...

- _____ reveals the heart of _____, and leads to heart wrenching consequences! (v.11-16)

“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.”

Luke 15:13

“Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.”

Remember: When it comes to the heart of God to seek and save the lost, it will involve painful moments through which He allows us to feel the weight of our sinful choices; simply put, we have to understand just how _____ we are in our sin before we can be _____ by God!

- _____ reveals the heartwarming _____ of God as a loving Father! (v.17-24)

“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.”

Luke 15:20

Remember: When it comes to the heart of God to seek and save the lost, forgiveness and restoration are available, an eternal celebration awaits, the question is, like the prodigal son, will we _____ and go to our Heavenly Father in _____ to receive it!

- The heartwarming compassion of God further _____ the heart of _____! (v.25-32)

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.”

Luke 15:28

Remember: When it comes to the heart of God to seek and save the lost, if we are not careful, a sin filled and fallen world can quickly produce within the church a heart that is either _____ or _____; the story of the prodigal son is God’s Divine plumb line to keep our hearts aligned with His!

“But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?”

Jonah 4:11

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine to live your life in these last days in light of the adage, the street lights are on, it’s time to come home; indeed, spiritually speaking, the _____ is setting in, but the opportunity for the _____ of Christ to shine into the darkness has never been greater!

“I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”

Luke 15:7