

ABC'S OF RELATIONSHIPS: COMING HOME TO GRACE

LUKE 15:11-32

The son that left home. Luke 15:11-21

- His **sin**—making demands (I want what I want now!) and rebellion (I want my freedom now!). Luke 15:11-13; Gen. 3:1-7; Rom. 3:23; 6:23
- The consequences to his sin—he **lost** more than he gained. Luke 15:14-17; Heb. 11:25; Luke 12:13-21; 18:18-23; 1 Tim. 6:9-10; 1 John 2:15-17
- His **response** to his sin. Luke 15:17-21
 - He **recognized** he needed forgiveness and grace. Luke 15:17; 1 Pet. 5:6-7
 - He **realized** that he needed to come home. Luke 15:18-19
 - He **repented** of his sins. Luke 15:18-21

The sin that stopped him. Luke 15:25-32

- **His** sin. Luke 15:25-30
 - An attitude of **anger**, resentment and bitterness. Luke 15:26-30; 1 Sam. 18:1-8; Gen. 37:1-38; Eph. 4:26-27
 - An attitude of **self-righteousness**. Luke 15:29-30; 18:18-23; 18:9-14; James 2:10; Eph. 2:8-10
- His consequences to his **sin**. Luke 15:29-30
 - Put more **distance** between himself and his father and his brother. Luke 15:29-30; Gen. 37:1-37; Luke 18:18-21; 18:9-15; 15:31-32; Rom. 3:23; 6:23
- His response was he **rejected** the father's invitation. Luke 15:31-32; 2 Pet. 3:9; Luke 18:18-23; 18:9-15; Matt. 20:24-29

The father. Luke 15:20, 22-27, 31-32

- He extended his **grace** and forgiveness. Luke 15:20, 22-27; John 3:16; Eph. 2:8-10; 2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Tim. 2:4
- He extended his grace and forgiveness **hoping** and waiting for the elder brother. Luke 15:31-32; 1 Pet. 4:8; Is. 38:12; 43:25; Jer. 50:20; 44:22; 31:34