



## Compassion of a Father

The Parable of the Lost Son

<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.

<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 and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' <sup>20</sup> 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.

<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.

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

<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>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

<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.'"

## Prayers

Sharon Saint— Is home and recovering.

Peggy Walls— Doctors Appointment went well.

Mia— She is off oxygen!

Prayers for all traveling during this time.

Debbie's Family

- **Danny Acock**—health  
Lauren Babb's uncle
- **Diana Acock**— health
- **Pauline Alvarez**—health
- **Norma Anderson**—health  
Cheryl Pitts' friend
- **Family & friends of Dawn Clarke**
- **Paul Faires**—health Joyce's son
- **Steven Faires**
- **Justin Gammons**
- **Nelle Hahn**—health
- **Russ Hahn**—health
- **Marilyn Irvin**—health
- **Debbie Jalufka**—health
- **Art Johnson**—health  
Paige Mills' grandfather
- **James Osbourne**  
Paige Mills' grandfather
- **Curtis Jones, Sr.**—Alzheimer's
- **Curtis Jones, III**—Army
- **Mandy Kasper**—health
- Winegearts' daughter
- **Jeanette Laging**—health
- **Sharron Mason**—health
- **Martha McCarter**—health  
Lauren Babb's grandmother
- **Ted & Christalina Muniz**—  
marriage
- **Oretha Pennock**—health  
Debbie Fougerat's mother
- **Freeman Pickett**—health
- **Carrie Pitts**—health Don's mother
- **Don Pitts**—health
- **Linda Roberts**—recovering from  
surgery
- **Sharon Saint**—health
- **Dana Spradlin**—health
- **Nancy Tuttle**—health Peggy Walls'  
sister
- **Susan Williamson**—health  
Lauren Babb's mother

## By the Numbers

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning— 29

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION

Offering  
Special

LAST WEEK  
\$1404  
\$100

## Announcements

### GRADUATION BASKET

Taylor Glass is graduating! There is a basket in the foyer to collect gifts for Taylor.

There will be a work day at Peach Valley on Saturday June 27, 2020.

We will have a short meeting after church on July 5, 2020 to talk about VBS.

### BULLETIN CHANGE

Paige Mills is taking over the duties of Church Advocate. If you have any announcement or prayer requests you can text or e-mail her any time.

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## Weekly Events

### TUESDAY MORNING

All men are invited to the annex each Tuesday morning at **6:20 a.m.** for a time of breakfast, prayer and fellowship.



IF YOU HAVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS OR PRAYER REQUESTS YOU WISH TO HAVE INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN, PLEASE CONTACT: **PAIGE MILLS AT (806)454-0742 OR paige@gonzaleschurchofchrist.org**