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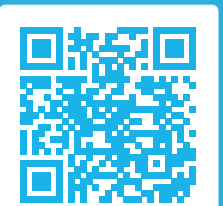
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Sermon Notes.

Speaker: Van Barnhill, Executive Pastor
Message: To Get Back Homeward
Text: Luke 15:11-32

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." Augustine, Confessions

¹¹And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." ²²But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" ³¹And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'" **Luke 15:11-32**

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ON RECKLESSNESS

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 60
Q: How are you righteous before God?

A: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.

ON (SELF) RIGHTEOUSNESS

"Religious people commonly live very moral lives, but their goal is to get leverage over God, to control him, to put him in a position where they think he owes them. Therefore, despite all their ethical fastidiousness and piety, they are actually rebelling against his authority. If, like the elder brother, you believe that God ought to bless you and help you because you have worked so hard to obey him and be a good person, then Jesus may be your helper, your example, even your inspiration, but he is not your Savior. You are serving as your own Savior." Timothy Keller, The Prodigal God

ON REPENTANCE

"We must always remember that in seeking after holiness we are not so much seeking after a thing as we are seeking a person. The blessings of the gospel - election, justification, sanctification, glorification, and all the rest - have been deposited in no other treasure but Christ...Which brings us to one of the most important axioms about holiness: when it comes to sanctification, it's more important where you're going than where you are. Direction matters more than position. Your future progress speaks louder than your present placement." Kevin DeYoung, The Hole in Our Holiness

RECOMMENDED

- The Hole in Our Holiness (DeYoung)
- Saved by Grace (Hoekema)
- The Prodigal God (Keller)

FOR DISCUSSION

- How were the two sons different? How were they the same?
- Which brother do you tend to identify with the most? How so?
- When did you first (and last) repent of something?
- How do you typically react to the repentance of others? Is forgiveness easily extended or difficult to give?

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Welcome.

We're glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new to East Cooper Baptist, we would love to meet you. Please stop anyone with a name-tag and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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Sanctuary 9:30am
Contemporary Worship and Classes
Worship Center 9:30am & 11:00am

Ways to Give.

Giving is part of our worship to God. Through your faithful giving, God continues to change lives here in our area and around the world.



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Get to Know.


Greg Horton



ELDER ON THE CLASSES TEAM


Greg understood his own sinfulness and need for a Savior at a young age. He has attended East Cooper since 2019 and currently serves as a PCA board member. In his free time, Greg enjoys spending time with his family.

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Worship

Engage in a **Worship Service Weekly**

Make a fundamental commitment to participate, engage in, and sing in a worship service each week.
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Groups

Connect in a **Group Consistently**

We have a lot of groups at East Cooper. We have community groups, which are for everyone, and we have specialized groups based on your stage of life and particular season you are in.
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Serve on a **Team Monthly**

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Classes

Take a **Class Routinely**

Our classes are designed to help you grow in your understanding and ability to lead others.
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Upcoming.

CLARKSTON

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

A team of eighth grade students will be traveling to Clarkston, Georgia in partnership with Clarkston International Bible Church and the North American Mission Board.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For Clarkston International Bible Church and their ministry to refugees in the community.
- That the students will learn and grow in their understanding of how to share the gospel with people from all walks of life.
- For the hearts of the people they will be ministering to and that the Lord will change hearts when the gospel is proclaimed.

CHURCH BUDGET

Members, you can now vote on the 2025-2026 ministry budget via email. If you have questions, please contact Joe Weston at joew@eastcooperbaptist.com. Voting closes **tomorrow**.

PLEASE VOTE

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2025-2026 CHURCH BUDGET

TAKE A CLASS


We have classes for you to get involved in:

God's Story - now until July 27

Bioethics - begins August 3


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6.15.25

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