

21 DAYS OF DEDICATION:

21 Days of Dedication - intentional and focused time of committing ourselves to the Lord in *2025*

Daniel Fast – partial fast; no ‘choice food’

Worship Nights – 7:00–8:00pm on Wednesday, Jan 29

Spiritual practice for 2025 – giving

Adopt a Long-Term Ministry Partner

- **Give money** - \$25/month (over and above regular giving)
- **Give time** – pray weekly
- **Give focus** - read monthly newsletter



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Table on Delk



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Mission 1:27



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Luke 15

Parable – story taken from real life that communicates spiritual truth, often contains a twist/surprise

Two major truths

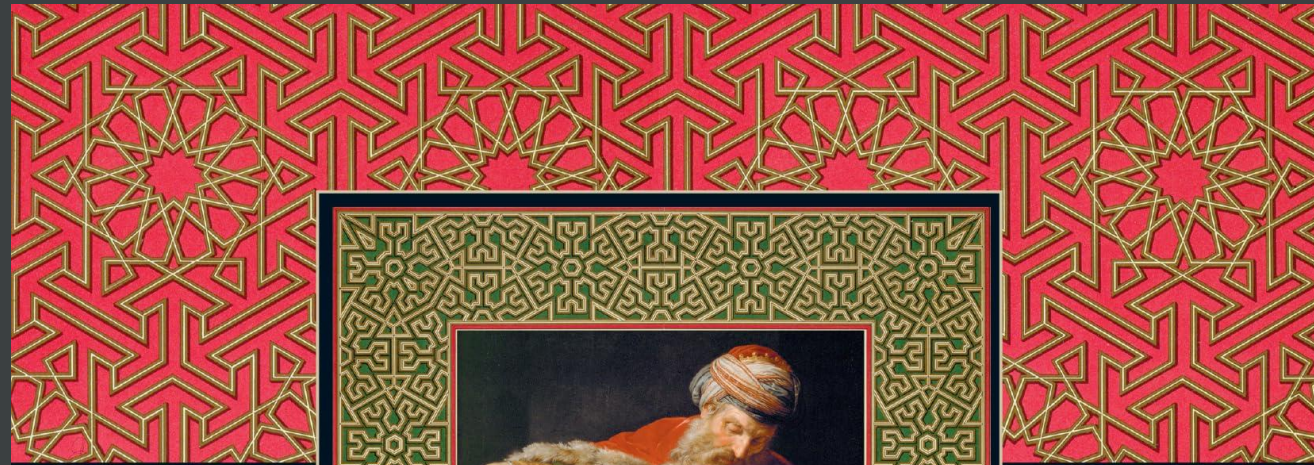
- God seeks and saves the lost
- God rejoices when a sinner repents

Also about God and His mission

- Bears the full cost of our rescue
- Seeks after the lost diligently and doesn't give up the search
- Places high value on the lost
- Motivated by compassion

TWENTY-ONE DAYS OF

DEDICATION



The Cross & the Prodigal

Luke 15 Through the Eyes of Middle Eastern Peasants



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REVISED AND EXPANDED



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Neither has relationship with father

- **Younger** – geography reveals his heart
- **Older** – geography conceals his heart

Father seeks out both

- **Younger** – goes to him on the road; embrace, robe, ring, sandals, feast
- **Older** – goes to him in the field; pleads for him to come inside

Father bears cost of reconciliation

- Both disgrace father through their actions
- Father doesn't demand restitution
- Father covers their shame by taking on more shame himself

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Mindset of the older brother

A son seeing himself as a slave – all these years
I've been slaving for you

- **Son** – you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate w/my friends.
- **Father** - all I have is yours

Rom 8.15-16: The Spirit you received does not make you a slave again to fear but the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry out Abba Father. The Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are children of God.

Ask for revelation from God

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Mindset of the older brother

Dutifulness not leading to devotion – and
I've never disobeyed your orders

Go on autopilot – spiritual practices
without engaging our heart

How do we cultivate devotion?

- Engage your heart by changing your spiritual routine
- Spend time with God vs only doing things for God
 - Ministry to Jesus

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Mindset of the older brother

Fails to participate in God's mission

Pleads with him - to call to one's side, to invite someone to be where you are

Maintain compassion for the lost

Pray for those who don't know Jesus

- Good soil
- Hunger that can only be satisfied by Jesus
- Dissatisfaction with the world
- Conviction of need for a Savior

Share – be a witness to who Jesus is in your life

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