

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 Wednesdays

January 22 and 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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Mary Alice**
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& Rocio**
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Table on Delk



**Angie
Smith**

Mission 1:27



**Luke
Wood**

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313 Ministries

Luke 15

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

Two major truths

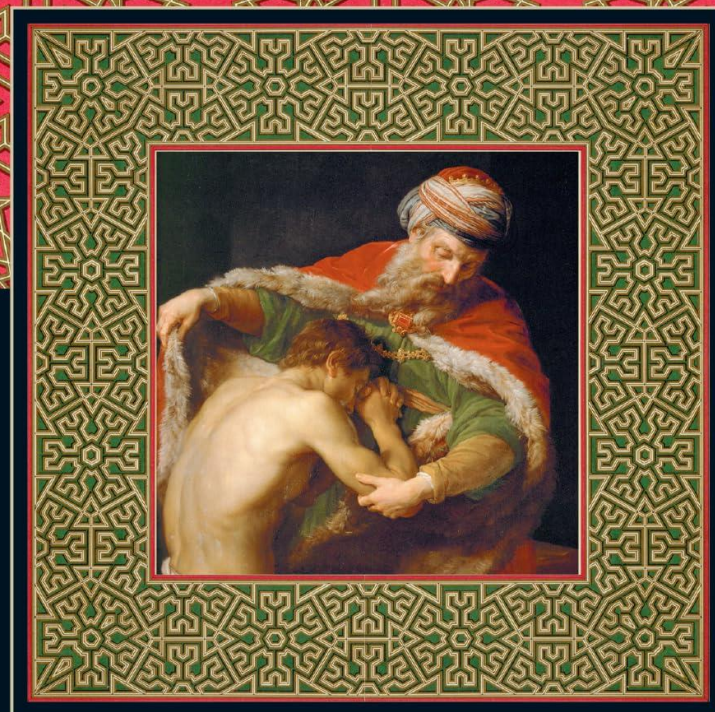
- God seeks and saves the lost
- God rejoices when a sinner repents

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

TWENTY-ONE DAYS OF

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The Cross & the Prodigal

Luke 15 Through the Eyes of Middle Eastern Peasants



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What we see about God/His mission

Bears full cost of our rescue

- Holds out hope for reconciliation
- Bears shame of our sins

Searches diligently for us – only way to see son
'a long way off' was to be looking for him

Motivation of the father

- **Compassion** - to be stirred in the deepest parts of the heart; when Jesus feels compassion He always moves to address cause of suffering

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What we see about God and His mission

Restoration is complete

Personal/relational – best robe; restored to father

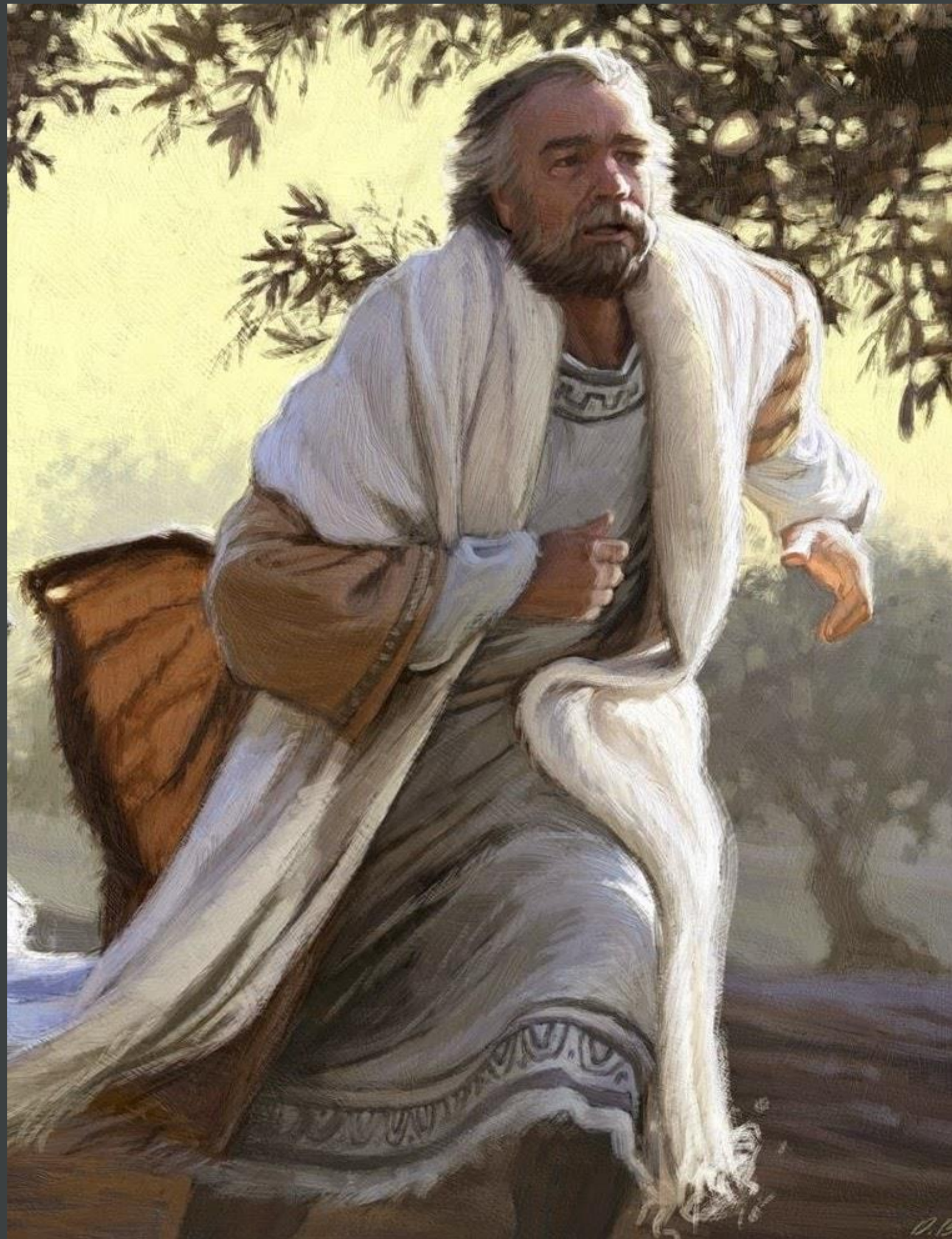
‘Professional’ – signet ring; could conduct business on behalf of father again

Public/community –

- **Sandals** – sons wore shoes; restored within household
- **Fattened calf** – entire community invited to celebrate return and restoration of son

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