Luke 15:11-32English Standard Version (ESV)

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

**11**And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. **12**And 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. **13**Not 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. **14**And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. **15**So he went and hired himself out to[a] one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. **16**And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

**17**“But 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! **18**I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. **19**I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ **20**And 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. **21**And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’[b] **22**But the father said to his servants,[c] ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. **23**And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. **24**For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

**25**“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. **26**And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. **27**And 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.’ **28**But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, **29**but 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. **30**But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ **31**And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. **32**It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

**Matthew 25:14-31English Standard Version (ESV)**

**The Parable of the Talents**

**14**“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants[a] and entrusted to them his property. **15**To one he gave five talents,[b] to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. **16**He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. **17**So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. **18**But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. **19**Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. **20**And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ **21**His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant.[c] You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ **22**And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ **23**His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ **24**He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, **25**so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ **26**But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? **27**Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. **28**So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. **29**For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. **30**And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’