Please open your Bibles with me this morning,
if you would, to the Gospel of Luke, the Gospel
of Luke, chapter 15.
Good to see all of you here this morning.
I want to ask you to do something today.
I really want you to try.
Some of the most, I'm not going to say the most difficult messages to preach, really
are the ones that everyone is familiar, almost
carelessly familiar with the text and the story.
And the Lord is the only one that can make the familiar fresh to us.
He's the only one that can make those things that we know new again.
But I think it does help if we truly try to see and
to look and to listen to what the Lord is saying.
These are, I don't know if your Bible is like mine, but these letters are in red.
This is a parable told by the Lord Jesus.
And I want to begin reading again in verse number one.
Last week we looked at this parable of the lost
coin and the parable of lost sheep Sunday morning and the lost coin Sunday night.
And I want to read those again before we get into this parable of the lost son.
Luke, chapter 15, verse number one.
This setting, what we find in verse one and two is actually
the setup or the context for what all we're about to read
and the messages that Jesus shared this day.
The Bible says,
Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.
And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying,
This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them.
I love, I love, I love what John Phillips said.
No more precious words have ever been said about the sinless son of God.
The Pharisees meant to deride him that the angels in heaven applauded him.
This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them.
And he spake this parable unto them, saying,
What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if you lose one of them,
doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness,
and go after that which is lost, until he find it.
And when he hath found it, he laid it on his shoulders, rejoicing.
And when he cometh home, he calleth it together,
his friends and neighbors, saying unto them,
Rejoice me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.
I say unto you that likewise joy shall be in heaven
over one sinner that repenteth,
more than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance.
Verse eight, Jesus goes on.
He says, Either what woman, having ten pieces of silver,
if she lose one piece,
doth not light a candle and sweep the house,
and seek diligently till she find it.
And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbors together,
saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the peace which I have lost.
Likewise I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God

over one sinner that repenteth.
If we looked at last week, behold this shepherd who had the love,
the care, the concern, the wisdom,
the power to go and search out to this one lost sheep and bring it home.
This woman who lit a candle in this dark and dusty house
and sweeped fervently
until she found what she had lost.
Now in verse 11, Jesus said,
A certain man had two sons.
And the younger of them said to his father,
Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me.
And he divided unto them his living.
And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together
and took his journey into a far country
and there wasted his substance with riotous living.
And when he had spent all,
there arose a mighty famine in that land and he began to be in want.
And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country
and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.
And he would fain have filled his belly with a husk that the swine did eat
and no man gave it to him.
Verse 17 is really key.
It says, And when he came to himself, he said,
How many hired servants of my fathers have bread enough to spare
and I perish with hunger?
I will arise and go to my father and will say unto him,
Father, I have sinned against heaven
and before thee
and am no more worthy to be called thy son.
Make me as one of thy highest servants.
And he arose and came to his father.
But when he was yet a great way off,
his father saw him
and had compassion and ran
and fell on his neck and kissed him.
And the son said to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight
and am no more worthy to be called thy son.
But the father said to his servants,
Bring forth the best robe and put it on him.
Put a ring on his hand
and shoes on his feet
and bring hither the fatted calf and kill it and let us eat
and be merry.
For this my son was dead
and is alive again
and was lost and is found and they began
to be merry.
This morning I want to share with you
on the thought of behold the father.
Let's pray.

Dear Lord,
I pray today that you would
forgive me
and remove from me anything
that would hinder me from being used to share your word today.
Lord, may the words
that come from my mouth be your very own.
Lord, this is your message.
Lord, not just a fictitious story
to stir our emotions
but a picture painted by the ones who created heaven and earth
to show us who you are.
Lord, your great love and our great need.
Lord, it touches on the most
monumental and important need in a man's life.
And God, I pray today
as we gather here for just a few minutes
that you would take your word
and that you would speak through it
and you would give us ears to hear and eyes to see.
Lord, most of all
Lord, this repentant road that this young man traveled
God, that it might be filled today with people
coming
to the Son of God.
Lord, have your way in this service.
We pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.
Amen.
I love the comments that I get at the door.
Most of the time
they're encouraging.
I've yet to have anybody be really ugly to me at the door.
Most of the time it's fairly nice and encouraging.
Oftentimes, it's insightful.
Someone will bring something to my attention
that maybe I hadn't noticed or haven't mentioned
in the message.
But I remember years ago,
I had a comment.
It was an innocent statement by this sweet little lady
that goes to church here.
And she said,
I just imagine
that the more you preach about the Lord,
the easier it gets for you to explain Him.
And I said, Ma'am, what I've learned is actually the opposite.
It's true.
That the more I study Him
and the more I think about Him and the more I see Him,

the bigger He gets and the smaller I get.
There's no way
that me being a man could even begin to explain,
even really understand the greatness and the goodness of our God.
But I've learned that what I can do is I can take His Word
and I can proclaim what He has revealed
about Himself.
And He reveals a lot about Himself and His Word.
But particularly here
in the 15th chapter of Luke, there's some things that we see
in these parables because, again, all of this is in reaction to,
or not really in reaction,
the Lord never reacts.
He knew exactly how this would go.
But it was all
in reaction to the attitude or the opinion that these men
already knew the Lord.
They knew everything about God.
And certainly this man
who had come from God wouldn't sit down and eat
and receive sinners.
It's all in response to this attitude
of the scribes and the Pharisees.
If you'll allow me to paraphrase,
Jesus is basically saying,
let me tell you what my father's like.
Let me tell you what I'm like.
He is like this good shepherd who has the wisdom and the love and the power to go out
and find this lost sheep in the wilderness.
Though it's just one of a hundred, he cares about this sheep.
He made this sheep.
He loves that sheep.
And he's the only one that knows where it is.
He's the only one that cares enough to go and
find it and the power to go and pick it up
and carry it home.
That's who God is.
He's like this woman who lost a coin
who lit a candle in this dark
and dirty world
because that coin was helpless to help itself.
Christ came
to rescue that which is lost.
But there's even more that Jesus gets into now in this parable
that our God is a loving
and perfect father
with great gifts of grace to bestow.
But it also touches on something else in church hearing this morning
that there is a balance to sound doctrine.

There's a balance to it.
It's equal and it's right.
It's not too heavy on one den.
And at the lost sheep and the lost coin really what they emphasize
it shines a great light on the fact that man
on his own left alone is absolutely helpless to help himself.
This sheep could not rescue himself.
The coin could not find himself.
It could not change its situation.
It could make itself whole.
And folks that is the reality of man.
I don't care how religious we are how faithful we are
how much we tithe what we do
man by himself
cannot rescue himself.
He cannot find himself.
He cannot heal himself.
He cannot save himself.
Our only hope is a God that pursues after sinners.
All throughout the scriptures that's what it teaches.
But also we see here in Luke chapter 15
is that the Lord shines a great light here
on the responsibility of man.
Folks man is not a soulless sheep.
Man is not a lifeless coin.
Man was made in the image of God.
He has a mind.
He has a will.
He has a choice.
There's these great gifts of God that are man's
to have that this great God bestows but he will only acquire them.
He will only experience them
when he is willing to travel
the road of repentance.
This morning I want to talk about behold the Father.
I really want to look
and see how the Father responded to the Son but we must first look
and behold this Son.
See this Son
in verse 11 and 12.
Again this is really familiar but let's take time and digest this.
I told Mitch it this morning
this may be the only second or third time I've done this in 20 years.
I woke up today at about 7.30
and with the messages
text on my mind and the first thing I did I
went to the study over there at the Parsonage
and I grabbed the notes that I had from last night and I threw them in the garbage.
Preachers don't do that.
I mean I've spent hours on this.

I've been studying this all week long I've been thinking about it thinking about it thinking about it and it's gotten bigger and bigger and bigger
and I woke up this morning and I took them I just threw them in the trash.
Why did I do that?
I don't know.
But I went in and I opened up my Bible
I said you know before we can really behold the Father we've got to see this son because this son
in reality represents every one of us.
I didn't get in trouble with my wife but she said something to me she said
Brian I've learned that my entire life is now
can be used as an illustration in one of your sermons but I said something last week she said I really didn't intend for this to go out to the old church she said
I can relate to the lost son but I really didn't want to be referred to the lost sheep I really didn't want to be referred to as the prodigal son but the reality
is all of us in a sense we got some lost sheep in us just by our nature who we are that sheep didn't strike out trying to be lost it's just a dumb ignorant sheep
they just do what they do in reality that's true with us
all of us got some lost coin in us we cannot help
ourselves we can't climb out of it but the fact is
all of us
have got some lost son in us
as a matter of fact some of us got a whole bunch of the lost son in us let's look at this man's son let's see what we find here
in this passage of scripture look at verse 11 and 12
the bible says a certain man had two sons and the younger of us said to his father
father give me the portion of goods that falleth to me
one statement
he just said one thing
father
give me
not what is mine but what will be mine
give me the goods
that's coming to me when you ain't here no more
when you die and you're gone I want to go ahead and get all of these things right now
and to some people that may actually sound a little bit reasonable
but we're going to see later on particularly in his son's confession that this wasn't reasonable it wasn't acceptable as a matter of fact it was evil
because this request comes from an attitude it
comes from an attitude this is my life my way
you give me and I'll go away and what's implied
here is I would just prefer that you stay away
it was a young man who wanted the father's gifts but he didn't want the father
it was a man who wanted riches without restrictions he wanted freedom without accountability he wanted to have his own life he was his own man he would make his own decisions he needed no influence he needed no help other than the benefits that come from a good God so what he wanted was this great God this great father who would give him all he needed all he desired

and for him to take it
and do with
it as he wished
and I tell you what's really shocking to me
the father honored this son's request
said okay
that's that's how you want your life
you want what I have but you don't want me here you go
and we read this now that's his attitude that's his thought now we read about
his actions it says that he took his substance here in verse number 13
again read this again not many days after the younger son gathered there all
together
I never really noticed that till this morning not many days after he didn't
leave just that moment I mean he took a few days there still sleeping under
his daddy's roof and got all of his stuff together packed everything up he said I'm
heading on I'm heading out he got all this stuff together now finally he heads on
his
way he gathered all this stuff together took his journey into a far country and
there
wasted his substance with riotous living
he took what wasn't his that was given to him
and he wasted it all
he spent it all
on riotous living sinful things frivolous things
his father let him take his life
by the way he's doing it right now the life that you're living is the life
that you've chosen Gabriel the life that you're living is the life that you've
chosen
the life that you're living is the life that you've chosen Joel the life that you're
living is the life that you've chosen
the life the father honored this request
y'all know how I feel about this nonsense that God decrees everything Calvinism
blah blah blah blah from the very beginning the time
God gave Adam and Eve a choice all of this is yours
but it comes under
my rule
it comes under my guidance because I know what is best for you and I'll take care
of you I'll love you I'll protect you I'll feed
you all that I have is yours but I'm the father
and the son took his life he took his father things he took these things he went
on his way and the Bible says he wasted it all in righteous living then we find the
rewards verse 14
through 16
it says and when he had spent all the rows of mighty famine in the land he began
to be in want and when he joined himself to a citizen of that country and he sent
him
to his fields to feed swine and he would fain have filled his belly with a husk
that the swine did eat and no man gave it to him
so he eventually reaped the rewards that a rebel is due
it was all fresh and fine at the get-go

that he eventually reaped the rewards that a rebel is due I love the Adrian Rogers quote every single one of us are free to choose but we are not free to choose the consequences of our choice write that down young man every one of us is free to choose but we are not free to choose the consequences of our choice
we find this man
this son
now he has nothing to eat a Jewish boy with the pigs and he's there and he's experiencing all of these things I mean his decisions have come back to haunt him again there's some lost sheep in every one of us there's some lost corn in all of us and there's a whole bunch of the lost son in us too every single one of us to a certain level to a certain degree are guilty
of this very same sin that this young man is
that we want the riches without the requirements we want the freedom without the accountability we want the goodness of God and the blessings of God without our hands
on God in our life it's our life we can make the best decisions for by the way he gave us breath he gave us a pulse all that we have comes from this God but we determine that we know way better than he does you say preacher that's just your opinion that's not the preaching that's the word of God all we lost sheep have gone astray and turned everyone to our own wicked way so all of us have
see this son and where he is and how we got there
but praise God that's not where it is with this boy look at verse 17 through 19 it says and when he came to
these servants of my father's house have bread enough and to spare and I perish with hunger I will arise and go to my father and will say to him father I have sinned against heaven and before thee and no more worthy to be called thy son make me as one
of thy higher servants and he arose and came to his father I want you to see the picture of this son now he is beginning to come over the hill
same son
same boy
but folks it ain't the same man returning
there is something vastly different about him
his blindness has given way to sight
his pride has been turned into humility
his entitlement has given way to unworthiness this man who was a demand is now a requester the rebellion has given way to repentance you say what happened folks number one this young man has been in a famine
I mean he's experienced what it's like to be outside the will of God he's experienced
what it's like to be outside the will of father and that played a whole lot in it but
I believe we find the greatest factor in verse number 17
and when he come to himself how many servants in my father's house had bread enough to spare and I perished with hunger in this far country in this dire straits there was a ray of hope that happened in this young man's life that he remembered the goodness of his father he remembered the goodness of God
folks life is about
to change for this son
it's all about to turn 180

it's all about to get so much better
but folks the only way life would turn for us the only way life would change for us is there's two things that's got to happen number one we must come to the father but number two we must come as the way of the son
you hear what I'm saying we got to come the way that he come
we've got to approach him the way he approached him here's a young man he says I have
sinned against heaven and before thee it was a man who recognized his sin and he called it sin he recognized his rebellion he called it rebellion he recognized his unworthiness and he called it unworthiness this is a man who's no longer entitled that idea of entitlement
boy I got it
I just deserve things that ain't even mine I
just ought to be blessed just for being Brian
God ought to help me just because I am who I am no all of those things are lost now here's a man who has recognized his sin for what it is and his only hope his only course of action in this case is to call it for what it is he's humbled no longer prideful and he travels this road of repentance and he said I know what I'm going to say when I get back I'm going to tell my daddy
I'm not worthy
to be your son
I'm not
if you could just make me as one of your slaves
that's the son
I was talking to a young man yesterday
who I believe
just in talking to him
I don't know him never met the kid
but I believe this God that pursues is pursuing after him by the way if any of us have been found the reason we got found is because God came pursuing after us
and what I believe now is this great God that's pursuing
has now shown this young man said listen I've let you do things your way I've shown myself to you and those things didn't work out did they there's not real peace in that is there no all of these you know it's amazing the things that we can accomplish and achieve and turn back and look at it and go you know I didn't bring things go south but more than that it was
through this pain it was through this difficulty
not the blessings of life through the difficulty of life that he finally recognized the goodness of God it says this is the one that I must repent to
that's the son but I want us to behold the father this is what's been all over me
behold the father I want you to see here this reception verse number 20 verse 18
he says I will arise and go to my father saying to him father I have sinned against heaven and before thee and no more worthy to be called thy son make me as one of thy hired servants and he arose and came to his father verse 20
but when he was yet a great way off his father saw him and had compassion and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him
this reception
folks it's vital it's vital
that we preachers preach and you as a congregation see the Lord as he has revealed himself not what I think about him not what you think about him as God has revealed

himself in scripture how does God reveal himself in scripture as three times holy holy holy
holy is the Lord God almighty God will not fellowship with a rebel
that's what God reveals about himself
God is love
but the love of God does not equate to the unconditional support of God
y'all know the story of Jericho they didn't fire one shot and God bought the walls down y'all know the very next battle that they face
is in a place called Ai
now at Jericho they didn't fire a shot they just minded God and walked around the walls and the walls come crashing down but God gave them instructions all that stuff in there is a curse you're not to have any of it but here we go we got a lot of lost prodigal sons in here a man named Akin I'm going to take that thing and keep it for myself and I'm going to hide it in my tent that
was seen in the camp so I will go up to A.I.
and we'll take this thing it ain't near as big as Jericho and he went up there and men lost their lives why they go why that happened why
they lose because God did not support them in that endeavor
listen the love of God does not equate to the unconditional
support of God when we're outside of the will of God
that's not my opinion and that's going
was the works
of a holy God
who would not support humanity and his sin and the wrath of God failed
the cross
is a work of love it's a work of grace it's a work of mercy but I believe above all it is a work of the wrath of God where the God the Father himself punished Christ upon that cross we've got to see who God is how he's revealed himself he's holy love is not a conditional support he's the God of wrath but you got to see this right here
he has a heart of reconciliation that is the very heart of God it says in Ezekiel 18 I find no pleasure that the sinner dies but that he turns from his way and repents the heart of God
is a heart that longs to reconcile a sinful man to a holy God
I hope I never grow tired see that's what the scribes the Pharisees didn't get
go back to verse number two they missed the entire
purpose for Jesus is coming why did Jesus say he came
you got to answer this
he come
to punish sinful man nope
he come to pass judgment on a fallen world nope I loved your devotion this morning Ethan he come down to beat down those who are helpless and hurting nope Jesus says I have come to seek and to save that which is lost I hope I never grow tired of this scene that we find in verse number 20
I love the picture of this running father he sees his son coming and brother he doesn't wait on him to get there he goes running
why so much fuss
because friend the father knew what's at stake
he knew
how much was riding on the repentant road

he knew he knew he knew how big this thing and there's
a little phrase in verse 20 folks it speaks volumes
and it's that phrase a great way off
there's some things that we can read into that Ricky
what can I read into this it says that he was a great way off
number one
he was looking
I've got my son here today
and I did not plan this message for my son
I was talking to that young man yesterday and
I told him I said what kind of daddy would I be
if I showed support to my son when I knew that he was doing something completely
asinine that would lead to his demise
see a lot of us were mad at God because he hadn't come and helped us in our
rebellion
think about it
my life my way God come and bless me and help me
along the way what kind of daddy would I be to my son
if I knew the choice that he has made was the wrong one
and go brother here's my credit card knock yourself out
that ain't God
oh but God he was looking the father was looking not for his son's demise I get sick
of some of the preaching that I hear I think we want to see more people go to hell
and die than we do save no God is the father is looking he's looking he's looking
he's looking one of these days my son's going to himself one of these days this
thing
he's going to click one of these days the spirit of God is going to move he's going
to see his son and I can't wait till I lay his eyes on him and I'm not going to meet
him with my belt I'm going to meet him with a hug
and a kiss and an embrace and say welcome home my boy
he was looking
he was listening
this is about God
notice
notice when this occurred
the boy's got this thing planned out when I get home I'm going to say this I'm
going to say that I'm going to say this I'm going to say that no this is a picture
of a father that interprets the broken and contrite heart of a man
you want to come to God don't worry about saying the right
things get concerned about looking at him the right way
and looking at ourselves the right way
but what I want us to see is this reception this reconciliation this is who God is
he's trying to get the scribes and the Pharisees to see it he's trying to get this
preacher to see it he's trying to get religious folks to see it but he's also trying
to get the lost man to see it I don't care how much you stink I don't care how much
you wasted I don't care how much you sin if you'll travel that repentant robe back
to
me I'll meet you before you get home and I'll
wrap my arms around you and I'll kiss you
the reception

look here if you would here in this robe look at verse number 21
it says and he rose and came to his father and he was yet a great way off his father saw him and had compassion and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him and the son said to him father I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight and in no more worthy to be called thy son I love verse 22
it says but the father said to his son bring forth the best robe and put it on it where had this boy been
he been in the hotels
harlots
pig pen stinking nasty ugly mess
and can you imagine what this kid smelled like the moment that daddy grabbed him up Jake notice when he hugged him before he had the robe on
he embraced him as he was and his filth fills his nose this nastiness fills his nose he looks at him and he sees him and he smells him and his first command he said hey go get the best robe and come put it on my boy and folks that means something it is a
picture of the robe of righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ listen we need something more than to cover the stain and cover our dirt we need something that will
cleanse us that make us whole that make us acceptable it's the picture of what Christ
come to do that those sinners the public in the verse 1
I have come to receive them and to take my robe and put
it on them and make them acceptable that's who God is
new battle that's who God is
prodigal that's who God is
see something
the best thing that could ever happen to us in our
lives is found in this passage of scripture right here
Joel if I just saw the glory of the robe of the Lord Jesus
if I could just see his righteousness
if I could see his
splendor
if I could see all that he has and all that he's done
and now that the only way I can stand before God is he has taken that robe of righteousness and he has placed it upon myself lost person if you knew what was waiting for you if you would get honest about your sin honest about your choice honest about your condition recognize who God is I want to tell he'll meet you before
you get here he'll save you before you begin to pray because he reads your heart and he'll dress you with something that you can't even
imagine but we also need to recognize our absolute
unacceptableness
and unworthiness
apart from his robe
I mean
we ain't got a shot we stink we're dirty
we're ugly
we're filthy we're covered we're seeing our only hope
is the best robe

is to be placed upon us
this reception
this robe
now the daddy does something next verse 22
I don't feel like climbing back up here I've been
studying this for all week long I got to memorize
go get a ring and go get on some shoes go get some shoes for this young
here's what I think
I think he might have had these when he left
perhaps he lost his shoes
in the pig pen
or when he was broke and went to the pawn shop
and pawned that ring
what I know for a fact is when he got back he didn't have them on
daddy said go get some ring go get a ring
and slip it on his finger
and go get some shoes and put them on his feet you say what's the significance
of that well number one rings have value
rings have value because of what they're made of
this ring on my finger it's got value because of what
it's made of I don't know what Mitzi paid for this thing
but what it's made of isn't what makes it valuable
what makes it valuable
is come next Wednesday this 26
I'll have been married 31 years to my best friend
it's a sign for all you single ladies or married ladies I ain't in the market
not that I'm desirable
it's what it represents
I'm a husband
I'm a husband
see rings and shoes study
servants and slaves didn't wear them
that was for family
that was for sons
it's when that boy got home
his daddy
says I am reconciling you I am cleaning you I am restoring you back into the family
friend there is nothing more beautiful than the second birth for a man that doesn't
know God to come to know God but the close second is for
a son of God to be back and reconciled with his father
because we go off in places that we don't need to get
and we lose the shoes and we lose the ring
again there is balance of sound doctrine how
does all this occur friend you got to repent
you got to call it for what it is name it for what it is see him for who he is
the daddy in this case he didn't go and snatch him out of that hog pen
he even let him go and take it and waste it all I told that man yesterday some of
the
three best things that ever happened to me in my life I'm going to go on a little
bit

one is when I nearly lost my daughter
when she was born so how is that a good thing I realize how little I can control
I feel like I can just get anything done if I put my mind to it guess what there's
some things that's bigger than me and I can't fix
and that God's God regardless of the circumstance
number two is when I nearly lost my wife
nearly got a divorce
I've learned that a child of God can sin but he can't do it successfully
and if I want my relationship to be right with
my wife it's got to be right with God first
but the first one
was when God let me taste the pig pen
when I got to see it
in my filth
and he got comfortable
with it
but the same God
would come to a place
where is that place the Southside Birmingham jail and said here I am
but you got to repent
you've got to call your sin as sin
you got to know how much I love you
and I'm here
but you're going to have to turn and you're going to have to give your life to me
what I'm getting at is sometimes the worst things turn into the best of things
if they bring us to the place where we got to get that way we can experience the
robe
of Christ the reception of Christ the reconciliation when that ring is slipped
in our hand and the shoes on our feet and we have to repent
those things don't fall from the sky
but there's one last gift let's go here to the very end of this thing
the father says this in verse number twenty
three
the father said to his servants
he just ignored what the boy said just might be no no no no no no
y'all go get my son his ring
go get his shoes the next thing he says in verse twenty four
verse twenty three and bring hither the fatted calf
and kill it
and let us eat and be merry
for this my son was dead
and is alive again
and was lost
and is found
and they began to be married
I'm about to close listen to this
there was a feast
instead of a funeral
don't forget who's there when Jesus is telling this parable
the scribes and the pharisees

you say what you want to about them but they know the bible they know the word of god
they don't know the god that wrote it but they know the god they know the bible
and they know what god says in his word in
deuteronomy chapter 18 turn with me if you would
deuteronomy chapter 21
they followed Moses they followed the law
and god says in deuteronomy chapter 21 verse 18
if a man have a stubborn and rebellious son
which will not obey the voice of his father and the voice of his mother
and that will not have chastened him will not hearken to thee
then shall his father and his mother lay hold on
him and bring him out to the elders of the city
to the gate of that place and they shall say unto the elders of his city this our son
is stubborn and rebellious he will not obey our voice
he is a glutton and a drunkard and it says in verse 21
and all the men of his city shall stone him with
stones that he
died I'm telling you the Pharisees are listening
to this parable and said there's only one answer
kill this kid
he deserves death
and as a matter of fact he did
but the only way there would be a death this day
is they would have to pull the father after this son
he said preacher how is this possible
I mean we're taking this and we're applying this alive the reality to our spiritual
how is this possible today in my life when the law of God the righteousness of God
the wrath of God demands a funeral
1 John chapter 4
verse 10
it said here it is love not that we love God but that he loved us and sent his son
that will be the propitiation for our sins can I tell you what somebody did die
there was a funeral and the one that did die was the eternal son of God see none
of that boy's sins were just wiped away like they didn't happen they were all placed
upon the Lord Jesus Christ every bit of stink every bit of rebellion every bit of
unrighteousness all of that was placed upon him Isaiah
chapter 53
he
this Christ
he for us us for him
for our transgressions he was wounded he was crushed is it the gospel of substitution
that friend that is Jesus is telling this I'm gonna go on
to take this
boy's punishment
these
behold this shepherd
he loses one I made that one I love that one I care for that one I know where that

one is he can't make it back home he's just an ignorant little shepherd but I love him and I'm going to pick him up and lift him out of the thorns and I'm going to put him on my shoulder and I'm going to rejoice all the way back home that coin I've got nine more just like it I ain't broke without it
but I'm going to light a candle and I'm going to sweep and I'm going to get it to secure it because it can't find itself
and then there's this son
who made the choice
to be a fine who made the choice to be rebellious who
but the goodness of God
speaks to the heart of a man
I'll receive you
I'll reconcile you
I'll dress you
I'll die
in your place
so that you can share my life
behold
this father
if you'll come and get us a song I want to ask you this morning do you know him
have you experienced
these aren't the words of brother Brian this is the message of the Lord Jesus Christ
he's one of these people to see what God is like stand with me if you would have
you got to a place
in your life to where you truly this young man is the
it's not enough to recognize what we done and stay where we are
it's to turn
and turn to him
have you been dressed in this thing brother after what song we got
111
let's sing
111
this is real friend it's real it's real it's real