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Ministers – Every Member

SERMON NOTES

Spiritual Rescue Work: The Joy of the Father's Forgiveness

Speaker: Pastor Ken Edean

Text: Luke 15

**To reflect the heart of God toward the wayward,
you will rejoice at the repentance of every sinner.**

- I. You will rejoice in _____ and not respond in anger. (v.28)
- II. You will rejoice in _____ and not celebrate _____. (v.29a)
- III. You will rejoice in _____ and not demand _____. (v.29b-30)
- IV. You will honor the _____ and manifest _____. (vv.31-32).

Personal Applications:

1. Are there some sinners that you are not _____ to see come to Christ?
2. Do you demand that a person measure up to your standards before they can be received into _____?
3. Are you the person who evidences compassion as you throw your spiritual arms around _____ sinners?
4. Have you come in _____ and personally experienced the _____ of the Heavenly Father?

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Luke 15:1-3

Which groups of people are identified in verses 1-2? How would these groups view each other? How does this delineation help set the stage for the parables that will follow? What was meant by the statement, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them"?

Luke 15:4-10

How do the two parables in these verses tie together? What is the emphasis of these parables? What is the point that is being stressed in verses 7 and 10?

Luke 15:11-27

What is the attitude of the younger son, and how is it demonstrated in his actions? How do circumstances bring him to a point of despair? What was the motivating realization that caused him to determine to return to his father? How do you think he expected to be received in the "honor culture" of that day? What do you imagine was his reaction to the father's response? How does the father's response illustrate the heart of God?

Luke 15:28-32

Why was the elder brother upset? What does his anger reveal about his comprehension of the father's forgiveness? Why did he assume that he was better than his brother? In the opening verses what group of people is represented by the older brother? Are there some sinners who you think do not deserve the same position as other people who trust Christ? At the end of this chapter, which son ultimately had the better fellowship with the father? How do verses 7 and 10 connect with verse 32? How can we today apply the truths taught in these parables? How can we display the heart of the Father to sinners? Pray that the Lord will use you to help lead lost "sons" to the Father.

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