

# **The Parable of the Running Father**

Joh 1:18 NIV No one has ever seen  
God, but **the one and only Son**,  
who is himself God and is in closest  
relationship with the Father, **has**  
**made him known**

Luk 15:1-24 ESV Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the **Pharisees and the scribes grumbled**, saying, "**This man receives sinners and eats with them.**" 3 So he told them this parable:

4 **What man of you**, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his

neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 7 **Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven** over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

8 "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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 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.'

22 **But the father said**  
to his servants, '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