

Today's Scripture Luke 15:11-31 (from the New Living Translation)

¹¹ To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: "A man had two sons. ¹² The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. ¹³ "A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. ¹⁴ About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. ¹⁵ He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ "When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will go home to my father and say, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.'" ²⁰ "So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. ²¹ His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.' ²² "But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. ²³ And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began. ²⁵ "Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, ²⁶ and he asked one of the servants what was going on. ²⁷ 'Your brother is back,' he was told, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.' ²⁸ "The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him, ²⁹ but he replied, 'All these years I've slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. ³⁰ Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!' ³¹ "His father said to him, 'Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours.'

Six Key Financial Principles for Simple Living, Simple Giving

1. Put God first in your living and giving. (*2 Corinthians 9:6-7*)
2. Prepare a spending plan and track all expenses monthly. (*Proverbs 27:23-24*)
3. Simplify your lifestyle; live below your means. (*Matthew 6:19-33*)
4. Provide immediately for an emergency fund. (*1 Timothy 6:9-12*)
5. Pay off all credit card debt and use cash, not credit cards. (*Proverbs 22:7*)
6. Practice long-range saving and investing habits. (*Luke 14:28*)

GREETERS
 9:00 Dave Kinney Family
 10:30 John & Sandra Pearman
LAY READERS
 9:00 Darla Lidke
 10:30 Laurie Herman
WORSHIP LEADERS
 10:30 T Pastor Brooke Heerwald Steiner
 10:30 C Dan Luth

USHERS
 9:00 T Jeff Baldwin (*head*), Bob Peterson, Doc & Joyce Richardson, Ryan Riley
 10:30 T Jack Parker (*head*), Jodie Erickson, Sanford McDonald
 10:30 C Dennis VanSkyhawk (*head*), Larry Greaves, Greg Miles, Don Sinnwell, Amanda Miskimen



Order of Worship
 Sunday, November 1, 2009
 Contemporary (10:30)
 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering "Seek Ye First"
 "Days of Elijah"

Welcome
 Please sign and pass the welcome pads down the rows;
 hand to the ushers as they receive the offering.

Call to Worship

Sacrament of Holy Communion
 Music: "We Will Meet You There"

Praise Songs "Build Your Church"
 "You Are Holy"
 "Do It, Lord"

Prayer
 Prayers from Around the World, Prayers of the
 Community, Prayer for All Saints Day

Offering Prayer (Unison)
 "Spirit Song"

Offering Music "Find Us Faithful" Solo: Mike Champ

Scripture Luke 15:11-31

Message
 "Simple Living, Simple Giving - Wisdom & Finance"
 Pastor Karen Bruins

Song "Simple Gifts"

Song "The Lord's Prayer"

Blessing

WORSHIP SERVICES
 Wednesday, 7:00 pm - Blended
 Sunday, 9:00 am - Traditional
 Sunday, 10:30 am - Traditional
 Sunday, 10:30 am - Contemporary

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Order of Worship
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 Traditional (9:00 & 10:30)
 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering "Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele" Johannes Brahms
Lighting Of The Candles

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Prelude (9:00) "Wiggle Praise" Sonbeam Choir
 (10:30) "Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele" Marcel Dupré

Call to Worship
 Leader: Come to the banquet our God has prepared for us.
All: God sets a table for all the saints - saints from all times and places.
 Leader: Come! God provides abundantly for everyone.
All: We will feast on the bread of life, and the cup of salvation.
 Leader: God has removed our burial shroud and destroyed death forever.
All: God takes away our disgrace and will wipe away our tears.
 Leader: Come to the feast! Celebrate God's love and mercy.
All: We are glad and rejoice in God's salvation.

**Opening Hymn*
 "God of Past, Who By Your Spirit" (see insert)
 Stanza 1- choir; Stanzas 2 and 3- all

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Message "Simple Living, Simple Giving - Wisdom & Finance"
 Pastor Karen Bruins

Song "Simple Gifts"
**'Tis the gift to be simple,
 'Tis the gift to be free,
 'Tis the gift to come down
 Where we ought to be,
 And when we find ourselves
 In the place just right,
 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
 When true simplicity is gained,
 To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
 To turn, turn, will be our delight,
 Till by turning, turning we come round right.**

