



Sunday Bible Study Guide | July 13, 2025

Sermon

I Will Arise - Guest Pastor Tim Manigault

Scriptures: Luke 15:11-32

Context: Pastor Tim walked us through the Parable of the Prodigal Son and invited us to see a story where Jesus showcased God's grace, truth, and love. It's in the backdrop of the messiest situations, the situations where someone has squandered everything, that God's grace shows itself to be "squander proof." The truth or revelation that caused the prodigal son to arise out the messiest of situations was remembering his identity as a son. It is God's same grace and truth that reminds us we are His children and that our performance will never trump His goodness.

Mixer

1. Talk about a time when you squandered something.

Questions

Observation: What does the passage say?

1. Read Luke 15:12-16. What kind of request is the younger son making of his father in the story?
2. Read Luke 15:17-24. What prompts the younger son to return home to his father? How does the father respond when he returns?
3. Read Luke 15:25-32. What do you notice about the older son's heart in this story? How does the father respond to him?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

1. Pastor Tim talked about how the word inheritance (*ousia*) in the biblical language meant "life's substance," or "of his being." The younger son, in asking for his inheritance, was asking for the essence of the father but clearly didn't want a relationship with him. The father instead chooses to simply give him money or his livelihood (*bios*). Within a person's heart, what's the difference between asking for something from someone and maintaining a relationship with them, and asking for something and running from a relationship?

2. Times of famine often remind us of what has been wasted and how we have made decisions apart from God in fear and panic. Even in his lowest moment, the younger son remembered his identity as a son and chose to return home. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. How does the Gospel change how you view God's goodness and times of famine in your past?

Application: How can we apply these passages to our lives?

1. How does the Parable of the Prodigal Son help you understand your own relationship with Jesus and how you relate to Him?
2. What area of your life feels like it is "a long way off" from where it should be, and is difficult to surrender to the Lord and receive His grace in?
3. What truth about God's goodness do you need to hold onto this week to remember that your performance or past doesn't define you, but that the good news of the Gospel does?
4. Who is someone in your life who doesn't know Jesus that you can share this hope with?

Go First Together

Community shapes us, forms us, and reminds us we don't follow Jesus alone. But the deeper truth is this: God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others. As a leader, you have the opportunity to go first and invite your group to be part of something bigger than themselves. Whether it's serving our city, showing up for the next generation, or stepping into a lifestyle of generosity, these are the moments that shape disciples and change lives. Let's be the kind of church that doesn't wait to make a difference. Let's Go First together!

Your Circle Can Make An Impact!

Our partner, Alabaster Jar Project, is looking for volunteers to help run their golf tournament on Friday, July 25. There are opportunities ranging from greeters, to attendants, setup, tear down, and more.



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