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Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (NIV)

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.

2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 Then Jesus told them this parable:

The Parable of the Lost Son

11b "There was a man who had two sons.

12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

13 "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.

16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.'

20 So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

21 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.

24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'

..... **Continue Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

25 "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field.

When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.

26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.

27 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and So they began to celebrate.

your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

28 "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.

29 But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.

30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

31 "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Psalms 32



The difference between mercy and grace?
Mercy gave the prodigal son a second chance.
Grace gave him a feast. ~ Max Lucado

1 April ~ Laurie Mangan
22 April ~ Mavis Chaffey
28 April ~ Jean Stratford



Remember, clocks go back one hour at 3am on Sunday, April 3 - and enjoy that extra hour of sleep.

.... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to pray for Jeff Budden, who is in hospital in Sydney. Jeff's heart stopped beating last week during a hockey game.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine.
- We pray for the people of Russia who are punished if they speak out against what Putin is doing.
- We pray for our friends, neighbours and family members.



Megs Musings

A man had 2 sons. The younger son decided to go his own way, and left the family home. He was remarkably successful, and soon had a better standard of living, attained more freedom, and built new relationships with others. The older son grew jealous and very angry. He felt that the younger son should stay in touch with his family, and keep their standards as his own. He shouldn't be making new friendships, or trying new ways of living. So the older son attacked the younger son. If the younger son wouldn't do as the older son wished, then he would force him to. Sound familiar?

It's a bit like what's happening in Ukraine. Ukraine left the Soviet Union (the father), and made its' own way in the world, achieving remarkable success with its' economy, and creating new freedoms for its' citizens. Russia/Putin (the older controlling brother) didn't like it, and chose to attack Ukraine in an attempt to curb its' newfound freedoms.

Thus inflicting monumental damage on the citizens of Ukraine, in an attempt to force them back into the Soviet zone of influence.

What a different scenario to the story of the prodigal son which Jesus told.

In Jesus story, the fathers' love was available to both sons. In Jesus' story the older brother seemed angry and resentful – but he didn't attack his younger brother.

Maybe the Russia-Ukraine situation shows what happens when God's love is ignored or shunned?

Blessing from Meg



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Mission: **"Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."**

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Woke up warm and safe in my bed,
 While someone else heard bombs over their head.

I jumped into a nice hot shower
 While someone else had lost all power.
 I hugged my family, we were all together,
 While others said goodbye, possibly forever
 While I fear the money that I will spend,
 Others worry of losing the country they defend.

In the time it took for me to write this post,
 Many have lost the things they love most.

So, when I start to bitch and want to complain,

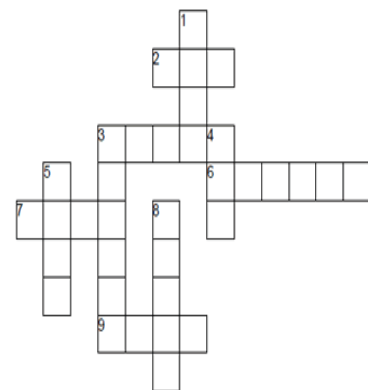
I will stop myself and pray for Ukraine.

~ Art Smith

The Parable of the Lost Son

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. Luke 15:20 (NLT)

The puzzle is based on Luke 15:11-32



ACROSS

2. Farm animals with pink, brown, or black skin, short legs, and a flat nose.
3. A large special meal to celebrate something or honor someone.
6. A large amount of money and other valuable possessions.
7. To not be able to be found. (I ____ my dog.)
9. A piece of jewelry, generally made of precious metal and worn on the finger.

DOWN

1. To touch or press your lips against another person as a greeting or to express love.
3. A male parent.
4. The number that is equal to one plus one.
5. Your male children.
8. When something which was lost has been relocated. (I ____ my dog).

CHURCH SERVICES

3 April 11 am **West** ~ Fay Monckton



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