

Stories with Intent
Am I Missing the Father's Heart?
Luke 15:11-32

Question: Am I missing the Father's heart?

I. The Context

- A) The situational context (1-2)
- B) The literary context (3-10)
 - ~ 2 parables of joy over the lost being found

II. The Younger Son Lost to a Squandered Life (11-16)

III. The Younger Son Found and Celebrated by the Father (17-24)

IV. The Older Son Lost to a Proud Belief He Earned his Way (25-32)

Points to Ponder: Joy is not an optional part of our faith, and it can't be manufactured by simply singing more loudly. Rather joy must flow from knowing that we were lost and now found - that our entrance into the party only comes because of the Father's grace. Ask: do I celebrate (worship) with joy, or am I too busy grumbling about those who are celebrating with us?

Next Week:

Next Sunday morning we will continue our sermon series entitled *Stories with Intent* by considering **Luke 16:1-13** *Am I Missing the Call to Live in Light of Eternity?*

