

Prodigal Son

Luke 14:17-24

But when he [finally] came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have more than enough food, while I am dying here of hunger! **18** I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. **19** I am no longer worthy to be called your son; [just] treat me like one of your hired men.”’

20 So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion *for him*, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. **21** And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ **22** But the father said to his servants, ‘Quickly bring out the best robe [for the guest of honor] and put it on him; and give him a [b]ring for his hand, and sandals for his feet. **23** And bring the fattened calf and slaughter it, and let us [invite everyone and] feast and celebrate; **24** for this son of mine was [as good as] dead and is alive again; he was lost and has been found.’ So they began to celebrate.