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- ⦿ Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.
- ⦿² And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

The Lost and Found Parables

- 🎬 The lost sheep
- 🎬 The lost coin
- 🎬 The prodigal son

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The Modern Prodigal

- 🎬 Alcohol
- 🎬 Marijuana
- 🎬 Entertainment

Alcohol

- ⦿ Alcohol is the most commonly used and abused drug among youth in the United States, more than tobacco and illicit drugs.
- ⦿ 12 to 20 year olds drink 11% of all alcohol consumed in the United States.
- ⦿ More than 90% of this alcohol is consumed in the form of binge drinks.

Marijuana

- ⊗ In the past 20 years, its' use has increased 30-fold
- ⊗ It is estimated that more than a quarter of the American population has used it.
- ⊗ The age at which persons first use marijuana has decreased gradually to the junior high school years.
- ⊗ Its daily use still exceeds that of alcohol;
- ⊗ More high school seniors use marijuana than smoke cigarettes.

Prodigal Chemicals

- ⦿ Block the release of GABA
- ⦿ Amotivational Syndrome
- ⦿ Serious long term health risks

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¹⁴ And when he had spent all,
there arose a mighty famine in that
land; and he began to be in want.

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¹⁵ And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

¹⁶ And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

“Sin always promises more than it gives, takes you further than you wanted to go, and leaves you worse off than you were before.” Sin promises freedom but brings slavery.

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¹⁷ And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

¹⁹ And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

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²⁰ And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

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²¹ And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

²² But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

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²³ And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.



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²⁵ Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.

²⁶ And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.

²⁷ And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.

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²⁹ And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:

³⁰ But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.

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³¹ And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.

³² It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

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¹⁰ Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.