

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2025! Leading to Worship Sunday October 12, 2025

Reading: Luke 15:11-32

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! This week, we look at "coming home" to God. Click here: <https://youtu.be/EiOGIkT0afo> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- St. John's is focusing this week on the parable of the Prodigal Son. One of two sons asks for "his share" of what will belong to him. When his father obliges, he runs off and squanders it all. Meanwhile, his brother stays behind and works with the father.
- Eventually, the spendthrift son hits bottom. It occurs to him that even his father's servants have it better off than he, and he heads home, feeling unworthy to be a son, but hoping to be accepted as a servant.
- His father sees him coming, and runs to him. The father accepts his long-gone son joyously and generously, and throws a magnificent party for him, even when that party draws the other son's ire. "[W]e had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." (Luke 15:32)

Two Questions

- In what ways does this story teach us how to treat each other? When the father runs to his son, has he heard the "I'm sorry" yet? Can we be just as joyous and energetic in forgiving and welcoming others? In what ways does this story teach us how God treats us? Is God always there, ready to run to us?
- The other son is unhappy that the father gives, and then gives even more? What does this story teach us about generosity? Is the father "keeping score," or expecting anything in return?

Action Step

- Give, and forgive, joyously and energetically! We are made in God's image, and we have it in us to be just as loving and generous!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!