

STRESS FRACTURE

Fractured Parents

Luke 15:11-24

*Prodigals come in all **shapes and sizes**; but all prodigals have **strayed** away and **fractured** their families!*

Work at it with your best **efforts**.

*Jesus told them this story: "A man had two **sons**..." (Luke 15:11–12, NLT)*

(1) **Face the Facts** about your prodigal.

*Jesus told them this story: "A man had two sons. The younger son told his father, 'I **want** my share of your estate **now** before you die.'" (Luke 15:11–12, NLT)*

*"**Dennis the Menace**" prodigals of **disobedience**.*

*"**Bart Simpson**" prodigals of **defiance**.*

*"**Darth Vader**" prodigal of **deviance**.*

(2) **Love** your prodigal anyhow.

*"So his father **agreed** to divide his wealth between his sons." (Luke 15:12, NLT)*

(3) Let your prodigal **go**.

*"A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and **moved** to a distant land..." (Luke 15:13, NLT)*

(4) **Pray** hard for your prodigal.

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Pray with submission for your own transformation.

Pray with desperation for your child's restoration.

Recognize that even your best **efforts** don't always **work**.

*"A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in **wild living**." (Luke 15:13, NLT)*

Undeniable Realities:

1) **Good** parenting usually produces **good** kids.

2) **Bad** parenting usually produces **bad** kids.

3) **Bad** parenting sometimes produces **good** kids.

4) **Good** parenting sometimes produces **bad** kids.

Let go of the quilt!

Release all of your **efforts** into the hands of the one who **works** best.

*About the time his money ran out, a great **famine** swept over the land, and he began to starve. He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the **pigs**. The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But **no one gave him anything**.*

*"When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At **home** even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! I will go home to my father and **say**, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a **hired** servant.'" "*

*"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. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.'*

*"But his father said to the servants, '**Quick!** Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must **celebrate** with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the **party** began." (Luke 15:14–24, NLT)*

Your prodigal must be placed in the arms of the Heavenly Father.

Where is your prodigal today?