



**THE STORY OF RECKLESS LOVE**  
(Luke 15:11-24)

*“To illustrate the point further, 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.’ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.” – vs. 11-12*

**WE BECOME LOST WHEN WE \_\_\_\_\_ ON  
DOING LIFE OUR OWN WAY.**

*“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. 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.” – vs. 13-16*

**BECOMING “FOUND” INVOLVES THREE THINGS:**

**1. A \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“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.”’ – vs. 17-19*

**2. CHOOSING TO SEE \_\_\_\_\_ THE WAY THAT  
\_\_\_\_\_ SEES \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“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...” – vs. 20-23*

*“Long ago, even before He made the world, God chose us to be His very own through what Christ would do for us; He decided then to make us holy in His eyes, without a single fault—we who stand before Him covered with His love.”  
Ephesians 1:4 (LB)*

**3. BELIEVING THAT GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_ FOR YOU IS MORE  
\_\_\_\_\_ THAN YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST HIM.**

*“...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.” – vs. 24*

*“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and if you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved. We believe with our hearts, and so we are made right with God. And we declare with our mouths that we believe, and so we are saved. As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in Him will never be disappointed.””*

Romans 10:9-11 (NCV)