

TODAY: Fourth Sunday of Lent — The servant nature of Jesus shows us not only a demonstration of God’s hospitality, it shows us the direction of God’s hospitality.

Joshua 5:9–12 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.” So the place has been called Gilgal to this day. <sup>10</sup> On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. <sup>11</sup> The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. <sup>12</sup> The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

Luke 15:1–3 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable:

Luke 15:11–32 (NIV)

...<sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> “ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ”

## The Hospitality to Serve

Joshua 5:9-11; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



move beyond a question  
of \_\_\_\_ we serve, and into a question of \_\_\_\_ we serve

From the wilderness to Canaan — the hospitality of \_\_\_\_ is  
carried over to be the hospitality of \_\_\_\_\_

parable of the lost sheep  
\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s \_\_\_\_\_

parable of the lost son  
\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s \_\_\_\_\_

I am called to participate in the same  
\_\_\_\_\_ which God has shown to me

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Understanding the Bible:

What is the problem being expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

What does the father do for his lost son who returns home?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

### Today's Bible Passage: Luke 15:20-32

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

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 N A A R E R F L L R N M  
 S S N L M I O S A O H A  
 G F L F L S U K G T S E  
 K I L L C E N I A H D T  
 F A T H E R D S I E W M  
 C L F W L V N S N R H N  
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Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. **Bring** the **fattened calf** and **kill** it. Let’s have a feast and **celebrate**. For this son of mine was **dead** and is **alive again**; he was **lost** and is **found**.’ So they began to **celebrate**. “Meanwhile, the **older** son was in the field. **When** he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he **called** one of the **servants** and asked him what was going on. ‘Your **brother** has **come**,’ he replied, ‘and your **father** has killed the **fattened calf because** he has him back safe and sound.’ “The **older brother** became angry and refused to go in. So his **father went** out and pleaded with him. But he answered his **father**, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and **never** disobeyed your orders. Yet you **never** gave me even a young goat so I could **celebrate** with my friends. But **when** this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you **kill** the **fattened calf** for him!’ “ ‘My son,’ the **father said**, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to **celebrate** and be glad, **because** this **brother** of yours was **dead** and is **alive again**; he was **lost** and is **found**.’ ”