

PULPIT CURRICULUM

Come Home Self-Reliant

Luke 15:25-32

Big Idea: God loves the self-reliant too. But the self-reliant must come home too.

Outline: 1) Admit: I am on my own path too, 2) Believe: I need God's grace too, and 3) Commit: To come home.

1

REVIEW THE TEXT

Read the text and review the outline. Does anything in the text stand out to you? Any questions?

Discussion: Imagine the benefits the older brother had staying at home. Had he become accustomed to those benefits? What about us and the rich blessing we have received from God?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Review the six indicators from the text. I may be self-reliant if... 1) I get angry easily, 2) I think of my relationship with God like an employee/employer, 3) I'm good at self-justification, 4) I have very little thankfulness toward God, 5) I have little grace for others, and 6) I have very little relationship with God. Which ones best describe you? Are you on your own path too?

What does "relationship with God" look like in your life? Clue: We pray less the more self-reliant we are.

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

If we see and admit we are on our own path too (like the rebel), what is our next step? See vv17-18.

What does that look like in your life?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

What concrete and practical step can you take to Come Home?

