

“A TALE OF TWO SONS”

Luke 15:11-24

For sure, the younger son had no intention of _____ himself when he prepared to leave. He just wanted to be out on his own.

The “distant country” so often represents the realm of _____.

He had left his father because he wanted to be free to be himself. Now, under a new master, he becomes a _____!

Sin will always take you _____ than you wanted to go, keep you _____ than you wanted to stay, and cost you _____ than you were willing to pay.

The son makes his decision. "I'm going _____." And don't miss the conclusion he comes to. "I have _____."

There is no doubt that Jesus wanted the hearers of this story to recognize _____ in this earthly father.

Luke 15:20 *"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him..."*

These had been disappointing years for the father, watching his son leave home, the wrenching _____ of the separation, but not trying to stop him from going, knowing that love only possesses what it _____.

Look at how this father responds. He _____ to him, has _____ on him, embraces him, and _____ him.

The father continues to show this incredible love by giving his son some generous, symbolic assurances of love. He put a _____ on his back, a _____ on his finger, and _____ on his feet.

When we finally make the decision to come back home to the Father, He is _____ on his way to us.