

Sunday morning text and Sermon

"Lost – Part 1"

Luke 15: 11-32

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. 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. 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.

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.

Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, and he asked one of the servants what was going on. "Your brother is back," he was told, "and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return." The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him, but he replied, "All these years I've slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!" His father said to him, "Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!"

Understand our "lostness"

- our rebellion
- our resistance

Respond to God's rescue plan

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We value your feedback – please use this tear off slip.

Feedback/comments/prayer requests



Sun 20th June

Welcome to Testwood Baptist Church

This morning

Welcome ... we're glad you can be here today.

An especial welcome to family & friends of Neve John who is being dedicated this morning. Gordon Tuck, our Senior Pastor, will be speaking this morning. The children's department meet together for Activ8 today. There are also 2 crèches. Please let us know if there are specific needs we can help with (e.g. a large print version of this newsletter.) A Welcome Pack is available at the Welcome Desk if you're new to church, and someone will be there to answer any questions.

This evening

At 6pm Leigh Barnard will be speaking on how God speaks to us.

Welcome Evening

Each term, we have "Welcome Evenings" for those who have recently started coming to church. If this applies to you, invitations are at the Welcome Desk. We hope you can join us.

The Welcome Evening is this Friday, June 25th at 7:30 p.m. in The Hub.

Baptism

We have a baptismal service planned for the evening of July 11th. If you have committed your life to be a follower of Jesus, getting baptised is an important part of making that commitment public – as well as obeying what Jesus says. Please see one of the pastoral staff if you would like to talk about being baptised.

A Big THANK YOU

Many thanks to all of you who played a part in Fun Day. It was an excellent example of Team. What a great day. We have had much positive feedback from the community.

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2010 WORLD CUP SCREENINGS @ TBC

Weds, 23rd June Slovenia v ENGLAND,
15:00 Kick off MAIN HALL

Ladies prayer lunch – Sat July 17th

12:00 – 2:00 in The Hub. Lunch is provided. There’s a sign up sheet at the Welcome Desk so we know numbers to cater for. See Megan Murray, Hev Brider, Fi Plummer, Rachel Lyon or Janice Tuck for more information.

Jean and Peter Maulini would like to welcome you all to their service of Marriage Blessing on Sat 3rd July 2010 at 12.30 and after for Tea, Coffee and Cakes in the Hub

Basics Bank

Due to an increased demand for food over recent weeks, the Basics Bank food stocks are extremely low. If you are able, we would be really grateful if you could donate some non perishable food items for Basics Bank and leave them in reception. Should you have any queries, please speak to Rachel and Ray Beare. Thank you!



F.L.A.G.

Calling all the FUN LOVING AND GORGEOUS ladies out there - don't forget to join us on Monday 21st June at 8pm in the Sports Hall. We will be looking at "Keeping Safe" as well as enjoying a coffee and a chat.

Come along – we'd love to see you.

Thank you and a request from YFM.

We want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have given so generously to YFM in recent months. One of the families that I am working with was very grateful for the new cooker they needed last month after my recent request. At present I am needing some good quality children's clothes for a boy and a girl 9month-12months and 12 to 18 months. If you are able to help please see Paula Oag.

We also have a play scheme coming up in August. Some of the families that we are working with would love a place for their child but due to financial constraints are unable to pay the £40 the week costs.

If you are able to help give in this way please talk to Paula Oag or Ali Wosley

Dates for your diary

June

Mon 21st Women's ministry F.L.A.G.
Wed 23rd Men's Golf Day
Sun 27th Church Picnic

July

Fri 2nd Church Camping week end
Sat 3rd Prayer breakfast
Sun 11th Baptism Service
Tues 13th Church Members meeting
Sat 17th Women's Ministry Prayer Lunch
Mon 19th Women's Ministry FLAG film night

Reminder

Phatfish concert !7th Sept 7.00pm.
Tickets £10 per head from the welcome desk.

CAR BOOT SALE

In aid of Youth and Families Matter
Saturday 10th July 11am - 2pm
Abbotswood School grounds, Ringwood Road, Totton.
£5 per car if you want to sell. Free entry for people coming to buy.
For more details contact: jacqueline@youthandfamiliesmatter.org.uk
Tel: 023 8086 0320

Church picnic

27th June, after the morning service. We are planning to go for a picnic after the morning service to Whitefield Moor. Maps will be available. Do join us there or ask at the welcome desk about shared lifts (if it is raining we will stay in the Church)
Picnic location.
Take the A35 out of Lyndhurst. Turn left onto Rhinefield Road (The Ornamental Drive). The car park is the one we have been to for a number of years for church picnics – on the left after leaving the wooded area, just before Brockenhurst - OSGrid SU 2702.

Your response

If you are a guest and would like to know more please fill in, tick as appropriate, tear off & place in the offering bags or take to the Welcome Desk.

Name
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Telephone
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- More about what this church is all about
- Children's or youth activities
- Small groups that meet midweek
- Courses that explore the Christian faith (Alpha/Journeys)