

25 Now his elder son was **in the field**: and as **he came** and drew nigh **to the house**, he **heard musick and dancing**. **26** And he called one of the servants, and **asked what these things meant**. **27** And he said unto him, **Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound**. **28** And he was angry, and **would not go in**: therefore **came his father out, and intreated him**. **29** And he answering said to *his* father, Lo, **these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends**: **30** But as soon as **this thy son was come**, which hath **devoured thy living** with harlots, **thou hast killed for him the fatted calf**. **31** And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. **32** It was meet that we should **make merry, and be glad**: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

Romans 12:15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

1 John 3:1 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Luke 15:25-32 **the COMPLAINT of the OLDEST**

- 1. Blindsided at Work** – vs. 25-27
 - a. The younger brother returned
 - b. He was working
 - c. There's a party for WHO?
- 2. Explosive Reaction** – vs. 28-30
 - a. Anger 1st
 - b. Isolated and Bitter
 - c. Years of resentment
 - d. Accusing and Blaming
- 3. The Father's Assurance** – vs. 31, 32
 - a. I am with you
 - b. You still inherit everything
 - c. This is proper to forgive and rejoice

“Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.” Colossians 3:13