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- *Prodigal* means “recklessly wasteful, extravagant.”
- I think the story is actually about the father.
- It's about a father who is extravagant and recklessly wasteful with his love for his children.

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1. The younger son asks the father to divide his property between his sons.

- What Jesus was actually describing here, would be scandalous to every person who heard it.
- He had to liquidate his inheritance.

2. In the faraway country, this wayward son gradually descends into his own personal hell.

- So when the son asks for a job, one of the citizens offers to let him become his pig herder.
- In this hole of self-pity, he begins to think honestly about himself.

3. The younger son returns.

- He knows that the son, given the maturity level and the character with which he left home, is bound to fail.
- The second thing the father knows is that the village will not treat him well.

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a. The first thing the father does is, he runs.

b. The second thing the father does is, he kisses his son.

c. The third thing the father does is call for a robe to be put on his son.

d. The fourth thing the father does is call for a ring.

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e. Finally, the father says, “Bring the fatted calf and kill it” (Luke 15:23).

- He’s inviting the whole village to share his joy.
- Only the rich aren’t about money, they’re about measuring your worth in God’s eyes.

4. Scene four is about the older son.

- With him not at the party, everybody knows that he has rejected his father.
- He hasn't lived with him like a son, but like a servant.

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- The truly sad and amazing thing about the son, though, is that he felt deprived by the father.
- He humiliates himself by leaving the party and going out to his older son.

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- Clearly in their *minds*, they were the older sons.
- The point of this story is that the father loves all his children so much that he is willing to suffer and be humiliated in order to *bring us home*.