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Now the **tax collectors** and **sinners** were all gathering around to hear Jesus.

**Luke 15:1 NIV**

But the **Pharisees** and the teachers of the law **muttered**, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

**Luke 15:2 NIV**

**Amsterdam, 1668**

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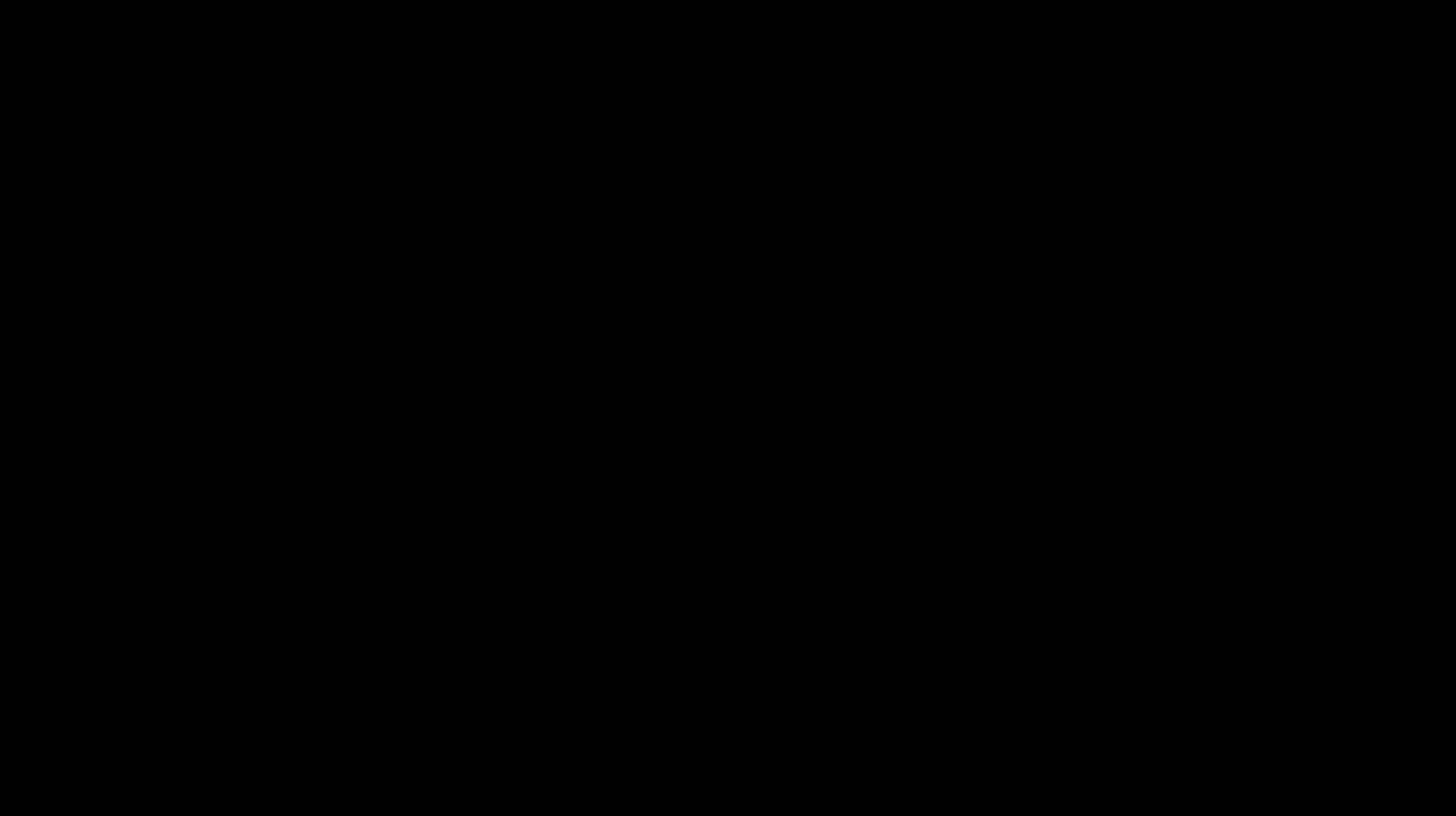
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*“The final statement of a tumultuous  
and tormented life.”*

“The Prodigal Son in the Brothel”





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*The moment of receiving and forgiving  
in the stillness of its composition lasts  
**without end**. The movement of the father  
and the son speaks of something  
that passes not, but lasts **forever**.*

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Christian Tümpel

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*The group of father and son is outwardly almost motionless, but inwardly all the more moved...the story deals not with the human love of an earthly father... what is meant and represented here is the divine love and mercy in its power to transform death into **life**.*

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Jakob Resenberg

...“There was a man who had **two** sons.

**Luke 15:11 NIV**

“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a **distant country** and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

**Luke 15:13 NIV**

“When he came to **his senses**, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!’

**Luke 15:17 NIV**

I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your **hired servants.**'

**Luke 15:18-19 NIV**

So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with **compassion** for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms **around him and kissed him.**

**Luke 15:20 NIV**

For this son of mine was **dead** and is alive again; he was **lost** and is found.' So they began to **celebrate**.

**Luke 15:24 NIV**



“Meanwhile, the **older** son was in the **field**. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.

**Luke 15:25 NIV**

“The older brother became **angry**  
and **refused** to go in.

**Luke 15:28 NIV**

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in.

So his **father went out** and pleaded with him.

**Luke 15:28 NIV**

But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you **never gave me** even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.

**Luke 15:29 NIV**

But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with **prostitutes** comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

**Luke 15:30 NIV**

“ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But **we had to** celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is **alive** again; he was lost and is **found.**’ ”

**Luke 15:31-32 NIV**

**A Word for Younger Brothers...**

**A Word for Elder Brothers...**



**A Word for All of Us...**

You – not what you do or what  
you don't do – are the most  
important thing to your  
Heavenly Father.

**In the Father's house, grace  
comes free but it didn't come  
cheap.**

**Jesus is the beginning  
of a new beginning.**