

# LUKE 15:11-32

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Life can feel exhausting. We spend our lives working, caring for ourselves, caring for others, and sometimes that can slip into our Christian walk. We start to feel like being a Christian is hard work, and we miss that we already have our inheritance.

Life can also feel unfair. It's easy to look at the world and lose sight of the value of what we have in the church, as part of God's family. We can ask 'How long?' and forget that God also asks 'How long?' - how long will we ignore his commands? How long will we miss out on his blessings? How long will we stand outside the party?

We are already in the Father's house. We already have access to our inheritance. We already have access to the Father - at any time. Unlike in the Old Testament, we have the Spirit, and stoning isn't the repayment for sin: it's salvation.

And out there is a famine. People out there are working to feel fulfilled and nothing will ever satisfy. There is a famine of kindness, joy, peace. We have the inheritance. Though we might want to hold onto it, it's time to share it.



## 01 — Hard work and reward

Jesus said his burden was easy and his yoke was light - but there's still a burden. What weighs on you right now? What hard work are you doing that you could hand to the Father, share with another worker, or put aside completely?



## 02 — How long?

'How long' is a constant refrain in the Bible. What have you waited for? How do we reconcile a God who wants to bless us, and also holds back blessings?



## 03 — Our place in the Father's house

God wants to hear our frustrations, and through the Spirit, we have access to Him. Is there something you haven't taken to him that is frustrating you? Or perhaps, anything in the past?



## 04 — Practising what (Emily) preaches

There is a famine out there. With our identity as the Father's sons, already holding our inheritance, how are we sharing the blessings with our frontlines?

