



**LOVING
in Broken
Relationships**

**Luke
15:11-24**



Luke 15:11-16

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

"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. After he had

Luke 15:11-16

spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.







I'm tired. I don't want to hurt anymore and for some reason when I'm with you, it just hurts the both of us. So let's just go our separate ways. Just let me go

Matthew 5:43-47

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain

Matthew 5:43-47

on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

In your most broken
relationships, lead
with love.

Luke 15:17-19

“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! 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 15:20-21

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.

"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

Luke 15:22-24

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

Romans 5:6-8

For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.



The way of love
often feels so weak.



EVELYN: "Wait! You are getting fat. And you never call me even though we have a family plan and it's free. You only visit when you need something. And you got a tattoo, and I don't care if it's supposed to represent our family ... you know I hate tattoos. And of all the places I could be, why would I want to be here with you?"



EVELYN: "Yes, You're right. It doesn't make sense. Maybe it's like you said, maybe there is something out there, some new discovery ... something that explains why you still went looking for me through all this noise. And why, no matter what I still want to be here with you. I will always, always want to be here with you."



JOY: "So what? You're just going to ignore everything else? You could be anything, anywhere. Why not go somewhere where your daughter is more than just this? Here, all we get are a few specks of time where any of this actually makes any sense."

EVELYN: "Then I will cherish these few specks of time."