



Sermon  
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“Txiv Kuv Ua Txhum”

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Thov txuj koobmoov txujkev hlab hab txujkev humxeeb pub rua mej suavdlawg lug ntawm Vaajtswv kws yog peb Leejtxiv kws yog peb tug Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

**Lukas 15:21** “The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer - *Tug tub has rua leejtxiv hastas, “Txiv, kuv ua txhum rua Vaajtswv hab ua txhum rua koj lawm. Kuv tsi tsimnyog ua koj tug tub lawm.”* Nuav Yog Vaajtswv Txujlug. (Cross reference – Yauj 33:27, Nkauj Qhuas Vajtswv 51:4, Lukas 15:20, 22).

Illustration “Father love”

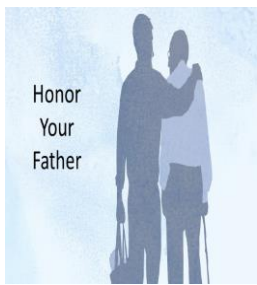
(Show a father love)



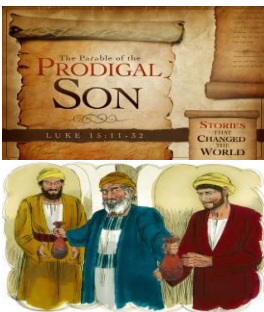
Cov kwvtij hlab hab movtshua ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos lub npe. Muaj ib zaaj Spanish story qha txug ib leejtxiv hab nwg tug tub kws rua txaav nrug dleb ib leeg ntawm ib leeg. Thaum muaj le nuav tug tub txhaj le tsiv tawm tsi nrug nwg txiv hab nwg nam nyob. Thaum zoo le nuav lawm, leejtxiv txhaj le tuaj moog nrhav tug tub saib nwg nrhav puas tau. Txawm leejtxiv nrhav tsheej hli los tsi pum tug tub le. Thaum kawg, leejtxiv txhawj heev, leejtxiv txhaj le tso ib qhov xovxwm rua ntawm Madrid newspaper hab sau hastas: “Dear Paco, meet me in front of this newspaper office at noon on Saturday. All is forgiven. I love you.

Your Father – *Nyob zoo Paco, koj lug ntsib kuv ntawm lub tsev sau ntawv xovxwm nub vaasxaum “nub rau.” Txhuayaam kuv tub zaamtchim taag lawm. Kuv hlab koj. Sau npe, koj txiv.”* Txug nub Vaasxaum muaj 800 tug tub hluas lub npe hu ua Paco tuaj rua ntawm lub tsev sau xovxwm, vim puab xaav tau txujkev zamtxim hab kev hlab lug ntawm puab txiv. (*Bits & Pieces*, October 15, 1992, p. 13.) <https://bible.org/illustration/800-pacos>

I. Peb coob leej ntau tug kws yog tug tub losyog tug ntshais zoo le zaajlug pevtxwv kws Yexus has nyob rua ntawm peb Txujmoozoo nubnuav. (Show honor your father)



Peb totaub zoo vim peb ibtxha yeej tau ua le tug tub yuamkev nuav nyob rua huv peb lub neej lawm hab. Tejzag Yexus has zaaj lug pivtxwv nuav kuas peb txhaj le paub xaiv peb txujkev ua neej. Yog le ntawd, peb txujkev sibraug zoo nrug peb leejtxiv huv nplajteb nuav yeej tsi txawv npaum le caag ntawm peb Leejtxiv kws nyob sau ntuj ceebtsheej. Yog peb tsi noog peb nam peb txiv lug, peb yeej tsi noog Vaajtswv lug. Yog peb tsi noog peb nam peb txiv tej lug qhuabqha, nuav zoo ibyaam le peb tsi noog Vaajtswv Txujlug qhuabqha. Peb leejtxiv nyob huv nplajteb nuav totaub peb txujkev tsi noog lug los peb Leejtxiv kws nyob sau ntuj ceebtsheej tseem tog quas ntsoov zaam peb cov kev txhum kuas peb tig rov lug noog nwg lug. (Show the Prodigal Son –father divide estate)

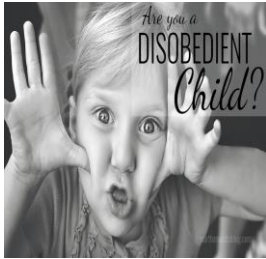


Zaajlug pevtxwv yog pib txug tug tubhluas “The Prodigal Son – *Tug Tub Yuamkev*” kws nwg lug has rua nwg txiv hastas, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate... - *Txiv, thov koj muab koj lub cuabtaam cov kws yog kuv feem faib rua kuv.*’ (Lukas 15:12)  
Qhov kws tug tubhluas has nuav yog txhais tau hastas, nwg tog tsi taug txug thaum nwg txiv tuag lawm nwg maam le tau nwg txiv tej cuabtaam kws nwg txiv tseg rua nwg. Nwg xaav tau taamsim nuav. Qhov nuav peb tsuas pum tau hastas, tug tubhluas nuav tsi xaav nrug leejtxiv nyob lawm hab nwg yuav moog ua lub neej lawv le nwg sab nyam. Leejtxiv has le caag rua nwg tug tub? Yog hastas, mej tug tub tug ntshais lug has le nuav rua mej, mej ho yuav has le caag rua puab? Mej puas yuav qhuabntuag puab hab puas yuav pub ib yaam dlaabtsi rua puab le? Mej sim saib zaajlug pevtxwv nuav, Leejtxiv tsi ua le kws peb

tuabneeg txujkev xaav ntawd. Leejtxiv ca le muab tug tub yau cov cuabtaam faib rua nwg. (Show partying)

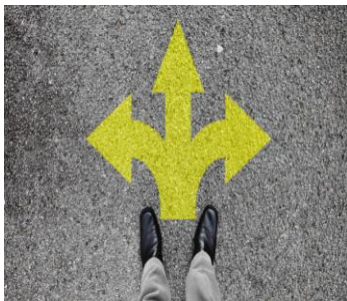


“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living – *Tsis ntev, tug tub yau muab tej kws yog nwg tug muag tau nyaj, ces nwg txawm tsiv moog rua lwm lub tebchaws dleb dleb lawm, nwg tsi txuag nwg tej nyaj, nwg ywj sab siv ua dlog ua dlig, nwg muab nwg tej nyaj phob taag lawm,*” (Lukas 15:13) The son live the life of partying, excess of wine, women and song – *tug tub ua neej kev lomzem, hau dlejcwv ntau, nrug tej quaspuj hab hu nkauj kev lomzem ntau heev le.* (Show disobedient child)



Vaajtswv hlub koj heev, Nwg txhaj le ca koj txavtxim rua koj tugkheej. Nuav zoo nkaus le leejtxiv txhawjxeeb txug nwg tug tub, Vaajtswv los yeej txhawjxeeb txug Vaajtswv cov mivnyuas kws tsivdleb ntawm Vaajtswv vim nwg tsi muaj kev sibfim nrug Vaajtswv lawm. Mej ibtxha muaj cov tub cov ntxhais lojleeb zoo le tug tub tsi noog lug nyob rua zaajlug pevtxwv nuav. Mej cov kws yog yawgkoob pujkoob, mej pum mej tej tub tej ntxhais nrug rua xeebntxwv kws tsi noog lug le nuav, ua rua mej tusab hab mobsab heev. Thaum puab tseem yau, mej has tau puab hab tabsis taamsim nuav, puab tsua ua rua mej tusab hab mobsab xwb. Koj puas yog tug tub tug ntxhais kws tsi noog lug?

II. Zoo sisthoj le nuav, peb txhaj le ca peb cov mivnyuas xaiv puab txuj hauvkev. Saib thaum tug tub tug ntxhais kws yuamkev lawm zoo le caag. (Show we choose our own path)

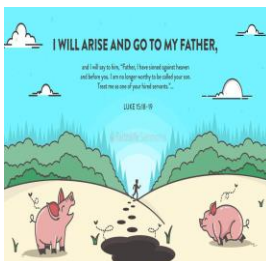


Vaajtswv Txujlug has le nuav, “After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything - *Thaus ntawd muaj kev tshaib plaab thooob plawg lub tebchaws, nwg tsi tshuav dlaabtsi le lawm. Nwg txhaj moog nrug ibtug txivneev huv lub nroog ntawd nyob, tug ntawd khaiiv nwg moog zuv npua tom teb. Nwg xaav noj cov plhaub taum kws npua noj, kuas tsau nwg plaab los tsi muaj leejtwg pub rua nwg noj.*” (Lukas 15:14-16) (Show feeding pig)



Thaum nuav tug tub maam le paub hastas, qhov kws nwg ua ntawd yog ua tsi yog lawm. Nwg txomnyem, tsi muaj nyaj hab nyob rua lub tebchaws kws nwg tsi paub zoo. Txuj dlejnum kws tug tub nuav moog nrhav tau ua ces tsuas yog moog ua txuj dlejnum pub npua. Haiv tuabneeg Henplais hastas, tug npua nuav yog ib tug tsaj tsi huv. Yog koj ua teg dlejnum kws tu npua ces yog txujnum kws qheg tshaajplawg.

Ntau zag tej tug tuabneeg yuavtsum tau ntsib tej kev tsi zoo le nuav lug raug rua nwg lub neej lawm, nwg maam le rov raag dlheev hastas nwg txujkev txhum ntau npaum le caag. Yog le ntawd tug tub yuamkev nuav nwg maam le rov qaab pum hastas, nwg tsi yog npua. Nwg yog tuabneeg, nwg yog ib leejtub, nwg muaj tsev tuabneeg kws tseem hlub nwg. Nwg ncu txug hastas, nwg txiv tej tubqhe tseem muaj noj muaj haus muaj txaaj chaw pw zoo dluas le lub neej kws nwg tuaj nyob txomnyem quasntsuav le nuav. (Show Luke 15:18)

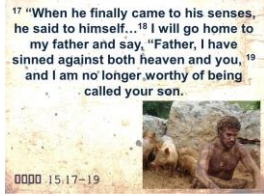


Nwg txhaj le totaub lawm hastas, lub neej kws nwg ua ntawd, yog lub kws yuav coj txujkev phem kev tsi zoo lug rua nwg. Nwg txhaj le yuavtsum tau rov moog rua ntawm nwg txiv hab moog leeg nwg tej kev txhum hab thov kuas nwg txiv zaamtchim rua nwg. Tug tub nuav txhaj le hastas, “I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you - *Kuv yuav rov moog cuag kuv txiv hab hastas, 'Txiv, kuv ua txhum rua Vaajtswv hab ua txhum rua koj lawm.*” (Lukas 15:18) Tug tub nuav raag dlheev hastas nwg tej kev txhum, yog le caag hab yaam kws nwg ua ntawd tsi yog lawm. (Show blaming others)





Peb tuabneeg, ntau zag tsi kheev leeg yaam kws peb tau ua txhum. Feem ntau peb pheej lam rua lwmtug. Yog peb yuav xaav tug tub yuamkev nuav yuav lam hastas, tim nwg txiv, ua le caag nwg txiv tseem tso nwg moog siv nwg tej cuabtaam taag huv tuabsi lawm. Tej zag nwg yuav lam nwg cov phoojywg hastas, vim yog tim puab ntxag nws es nwg txhaj le muab nwg tej nyaj siv rua tej kev lomzem hab tej dlejcauw taag lawm. Koj puas tau lam lwmtug txawm hastas koj yog tug txhum? (Show Luke 15:18-19)

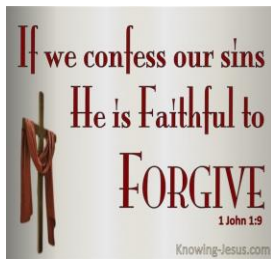


Tabstis tug tub yuamkev nuav tsi ua le ntawd. Nwg leegpaub nwg tej kev txhum kws nwg tau ua lawm. Vim nwg yog tug coj tej nuav rov lug raug rua nwg tug kheej. Nwg txhaj le yuav tsi tu npua ntxiv lawv, nwg yuav rov moog leegtxim rua nwg txiv. Thaum nuav peb txhaj le pum hastas, tug tub yuamkev nuav leeg nwg txujkev txhum, nwg leeg hastas, "....Father, I have sinned...." And he also said, "I am no longer worthy to be called your son;... - Txiv kuv ua txhum... Kuv tsi tsimnyog ua koj tug tub" (Lukas 15:18-19)

III. Cov kwvtij hlub hab movtshua, nubnuav, koj txujkev sibraug zoo nrug koj Txiv kws nyob sau ntuj ceebtsheej zoo le caag? (Show Confess our sins)



Thaum koj neuc koj txujkev txhum, koj puas moog rua ntawm Vaajleejtxiv hab has rua nwg hastas, "Txiv kuv ua txhum rua koj lug ntawm kuv txujkev xaav, tej lug kws kuv has, hab teg dlejnwm kws kuv ua. Kuv yeej tsis ntxim tau koj txujkev hlub le." Yog koj tsi tau leeg koj tej kev txhum, koj yuav ua le caag paub hastas, Vaajleejtxiv tub zaamtchim rua koj lawm? (Show 1 John 1:9)



Tug thwjtis Paulus txhaj le sau hastas, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness - Yog peb hastas peb tsi muaj kev txhum, peb tau dlaag peb tugkheej hab qhovtseeb yeej tsi nyob huv peb. Tabstis yog peb leeg peb tej kev txhum Vaajtswv, tug ua lawv le Nwg has hab ncaajnceeg, Nwg yuav zaam peb tej kev txhum hab ntxuav taagnrho peb tej kev tsi ncaajnceeg." (1 John 1:8-9) Vaajtswv Txujlug cogtseg rua peb yog zaam peb tej kev txhum, yog peb ntseeg cov lug ntawd, ces peb yeej tau lawv nraim le kws Vaajtswv cov lug cog tseg.

Yog le ntawd, tug tub yuamkev nuav txhaj le sawvtseeg hab rov moog tsev kws yog rov moog rua ntawm nwg txiv. (Show father hugging his son)



Vaajtswv Txujlug sau hastas, "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. - Thaus nwg lug tsi tau txug kws tseem nyob hov dleb, nwg txiv pum nwg hab hlub nwg kawg; nwg txiv dlha loo moog puag nkaus tug tub nwj." (Lukas 15:20) Tug tub leejtxiv zoosab hab qheb hlo nwg ob txhaisnpaab lug txaistog tug tub le qub. Leejtxiv tsi tshev tsi has ib lulug nhyaav hab sab tug tub le. Leejtxiv yeej totaub lawm hastas, tug tub tsuas yog xaav tau kev hlub hab kev zaamtchim xwb.

(Show North and South Korea Demilitarized Zone)



Lub 9 hli Xyoo 1982, the U.S. government – Nomtswv tau sau ntawv xovxwm qha txug hastas, muaj ib tug tubrog nyob rua "North Korea – Kauslim Qaumteb" tebchaws ua tsi ncaajnceeg hab tig moog ua "communist – Kausmoniv" lawm. Lawv le tej kev sojntsuam, tug tubrog nuav hlaa txujkaab "" moog rua Qaubteb Kauslim tebchaws. Qhov kws nwg ua le ntawd, tsi muaj leejtwg paub le. Nwg cov phoojywg tubrog has kuas nwg yuavtsum tsi txhob ua le ntawd los nwg tsi quavntsej tig pobntseg noog puab has le. Nub tomqaab kws cov xovxwm nuav tshwm lawm, tug tubrog nuav txiv nyob rua St. Louis, MO, lug kuasmuag hab hastas, obtug tug tub yeej ua tsi yog lawm tag. (Show come home)



Leejtxiv txhaj le hastas, “He has lost his credibility in this country, even with me, - *Nwg ua tsi zoo rua nwg lub tebchaws hab rua kuv*” tabsis, “I still love my son, - *kuv tseem hlub kuv tug tub*” “and want him back – *kuv kuas nwg rov lug tsev.*” Vaajtsw los zoo le leejtxiv nuav hab. Txawm koj tsivdleb ntawm Vaajtswv lawm los, yog koj tig rovlug, Vaajtswv lub qhovrooj tseem qheb quaslug hab lub teeb tseem taws tog koj rov lug tsev. Yog le ntawd, Vaajtswv tseem najnub hu koj hastas, “Come home, ....Please come home. – Lugtsev, ca le lug tsev.” Tsi tau lig ca le lug tsev. (Show forgiven and loved and into his arms)



Forgiven and loved.



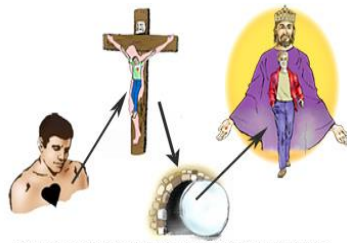
Peb Leejtxiv tug kws nyob sau ntuj ceebtsheej tseem najnub tog peb rov lug tsev. Yog peb txu fwjchim tsi txhob xaav le peb xaav, tabsis leeg peb tej kev txhum lawm, peb Leejtxiv yuav tsi tshev peb losyog yuav haslug tsi zoo rua peb le. Nwg yuav tsi hastas, “Kuv tsua zamtxim rua koj ibzang xwb, yog koj ua txhum dluas ces kuv yuav tsi zaamtxim rua koj le lawm. Peb Leejtxiv kws muaj kev hlub yog ib Leejtxiv kws zoosab hlo tog peb rov lug rua ntawm nwg txuj koobmoov lug rua ntawm nwg txhaisnpaab. (Show best robe)



Clothed with the “best robe.”

Leejtxiv ntawm tug tub yuamkev qha nwg txujkev hlub yog leejtxiv has le nuav, “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 - *Mej kawgkag nqaa cev rig tsho kws zoo zoo tuaj rua nwg naav. Nqaa nplhaib tuaj rua nwg koj, muab khau tuaj rua nwg rau. Hab moog muab tug mivnyuas nyuj kws rog rog koj lug tua ua ib rooj mov rua suavdlawg noj ua kev zoosab. Rua qhov kuv tug tub nuav tub tuag lawm, tabsis nwgnuav nwg caj rov lug; nwg tub pluj lawm, tabsis nwgnuav nwg rov lug.*” (Luke 15:22-24)

Thaum twg yog peb moog rua ntawm peb Leejtxiv kws yog paub leeg peb tej kev tsi zoo, nwg yuav pub cev tsootsho zoo rua peb. Cev tsootsho kws zoo tshaajplawg yog Yexus Khetos. Nuav yog cev kws ncaajnceeg. Cev tshootsho nuav yog cev kws lug npug txujkev zoo hab kev dlawbhuv rua peb. (Show righteousness in Christ)



We are made “the righteousness of God” in Christ.

Thaum kws peb ntseeg hab ca sab rua Yexus Khetos rua nwg txujkev zaamtxim rua peb tej kev txhum lawm, peb tau ceev tsootsho yog tau ntawm saab ntsujplig kws yog kev dlawbhuv hab ncaajnceeg. Thaum Vaajtswv saib peb, Nwg tsi pum peb txujkev txhum. Tabsis nwg pum nwg tug Tub kws yog tug zoo hab dlawbhuv lug ntawm peb txujkev ntseeg. Leejtxiv ntawm tug tub yuamkev qha nwg txujkev hlub rua nwg tug tub kws rovlug tsev yog nwg muab ib tug nyuj rog tua ua noj haus kev zoosab. Cov kwvtij hlub hab movtshua. Vaajtswv qha nwg txujkev hlub rua peb yog muab nwg tug Tub lug raug tua tuag theej peb txujkev txhum, txhaj

le cawm tau peb, hab tsi suav hastas peb muaj kev txhum kws yog rov togtxais peb lug rua txujkev ncaajnceeg kev dlawbhuv ntawm nwg tug Tub Tswv Yexus Khetos. Yog le ntawd, thaum peb ua txhum, peb ncu ntsoov hastas, “Txiv Kuv Ua Txhum hab Kuv Thov Txim.” Vaajtswv yeej yuav zaam koj tej kev txhum. Asmees. Thov kuas Vaajtswv txujlug pub rua peb suavdlawg totaub hab tau nyob kaajsab lug rua ntawm peb tug Tswv Yexus Khetos lub npe. Peb txhua tug kws yog Vaajtswv cov mivnyuas, peb suavdlawg has: Asmees.

# Children Message

## Let's Have a Party



**Theme:** Let's Have a Party  
**Object:** Birthday Items – (give to children after message)  
**Scripture** Luke 15:24 "For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate." (NIV)

Good morning, boys and girls. How many of you like a good party? (*Let them answer*) Do you remember the last party that you went to? (*Let them answer*) I brought along some things that I thought might help us think about a party. (*Pass out the party toys*) Wouldn't that be an exciting way to have a party? (*Let them answer*). When do we have parties? (*Let them answer*) That's right, birthdays and other times when we want to celebrate something that is really happy or important.

Jesus told a story about a father who had two sons. The older son was always good to his father and worked hard on their farm. But the younger son did not like to work and asked for his share of the family's money, then ran away to have a good time. It wasn't too long until he had spent all of the money, and he was broke. He got a job taking care of some pigs, but he also had to live with the pigs. Finally, one day, he made up his mind to go back and ask his father to forgive him. So he went back, but before he could say anything to his father about how sorry he was, his father ran out to greet him and tell him how much he had missed him. Finally, the father had a big party to celebrate his son's happy return.

Jesus told this story to show us how glad God is when we change our minds, and come back to tell him how sorry we are for our sins. God is so happy to have us back that it is almost like a party in heaven. God loves us a lot, and he misses us when we leave him to go off in another direction. But God is so happy when we come back, that it is like a very happy and wonderful party. It isn't easy to come back to God. Sometimes we are afraid, or we think that God doesn't want us when we have been bad, but this isn't true. God always loves us and is really pleased when we change our minds and come back to him. Remember, going back to God is like being a part of a party in heaven. We don't know whether there will be any party items, but we do know we will have a wonderful time there!

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, we are sorry for our sin. Thank you for calling us back to you. In Jesus name. Amen.

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