

Shame Interrupted / Easter at Eastview
Luke 15:11-32 NLT / April 5, 2026
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PIT IN THE STOMACH + THOUGHTS IN THE HEAD

Have you ever had one of those “pit in your stomach” moments?

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” (AW Tozer)

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THE YOUNGER SON

Asks for inheritance early, only to squander it on wild living in the distant country

Fear of Kezazah = “the cutting off”

Our fears of a Kezazah God and Kezazah Christians

The younger brother thought he was too bad to be loved.

THE RUNNING FATHER

The Father runs rather than rejects.

Shame gets interrupted by the Father’s love.

The Father would rather absorb humiliation himself...than let his son be swallowed by it.

And that is the gospel.

John 3:16-17 NLT

THE OLDER SON

The older brother thought he was too good to need love.

He’s angry and throws a pity party rather than attending his younger brother’s party!

We can be lost in polished religion and self-righteousness as much as being lost in blatant rebellion and living recklessly.

THIS IS WHO GOD IS

Loving—

Life-Giving—

Bringer of Hope—

Bringer of Healing—