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- E. The **“Other”** Lost Son – vss. 25 – 32
1. Stayed home, did what he was supposed to do.
  2. Became angry because of the celebration for his brother (how many of us cannot celebrate with others when something good happens to them or for them?). He would not go in. He offers what appears to be a valid and justifiable reason why he should not go in.
  3. He effectively disowns his brother; **“this son of yours...”**
  4. The father goes to him, does not defend, but explains the what and the why. Reconnects this older son with his brother; **“this brother of yours.”**

#### IV. PARABLE #1 LESSONS/ SPIRITUAL & LIFE APPLICATIONS/QUESTIONS

- A. Are you willing to risk your reputation for a righteous purpose? If so, what if people talk about you or don't understand? Who's definition of righteousness?
- B. We should protect those **“things”** of value given to us by others.
- C. When you lose something, do you look for it or are you content to let it stay lost?
- D. When is the last time you **“swept your house?”**
- E. What is it that motivates us to rejoice?
- F. Why do we only seem to be moved by numbers? What does this say about us?

#### V. PARABLE #2 LESSONS/ SPIRITUAL & LIFE APPLICATIONS/QUESTIONS

- A. Notice that when the younger son said he wanted to go, the father let him go. (I wonder where the mother was?) Sometimes, you have to let folk go so they can learn some life lessons for themselves.
- B. Being down to nothing can cause one to engage in **“deep reflection.”**
- C. Was the younger son a **“user,”** a **“manipulator,”** or do you think he was genuinely humble when he went back to his father?
- D. Honestly, would you have done what this father did? Why or why not?
- E. Was the older son justified in his position?
- F. Do we **“work”** to be recognized or rewarded?
- G. Were these sons **“lost”** or did they **“get lost”**?

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