

AS JESUS WALKS ALONG SOLOMON'S PORCH AT THE TEMPLE, THE PEOPLE SURROUND HIM.

HOW LONG WILL YOU KEEP US WAITING? IF YOU ARE THE MESSIAH, TELL US!

I DID TELL YOU. BUT YOU DON'T BELIEVE THE THINGS I HAVE DONE IN MY FATHER'S NAME.



DID YOU HEAR THAT? HE CLAIMS TO BE GOD!

STONE HIM! ARREST HIM!

BUT JESUS CALMLY WALKS AWAY, AND, STRANGELY, NO ONE TRIES TO STOP HIM.

# A Loving Father

BASED ON LUKE 15:11-32

JESUS LEAVES JERUSALEM AND CONTINUES TO PREACH. THE PHARISEES COMPLAIN BECAUSE HE SPENDS TIME WITH SINNERS. SO JESUS TELLS THEM A STORY ABOUT A MAN WITH TWO SONS. ONE DAY THE YOUNGER SON COMES TO THE FATHER...

FATHER, I WANT TO RUN MY OWN LIFE. GIVE ME MY SHARE OF YOUR MONEY NOW. I DON'T WANT TO WAIT FOR YOU TO DIE.

IF YOU WANT THE MONEY, YOU MAY HAVE IT. I'LL DIVIDE MY PROPERTY BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR BROTHER.



THE YOUNGER SON MOVES FAR AWAY TO ANOTHER COUNTRY...





EASY LIVING, HERE I COME!



BARTENDER, I'D LIKE TO BUY A DRINK...

...FOR EVERYONE!



I'LL BET 300 DENARII.

YOU'RE SO DARING!

AND HANDSOME!

NOW THIS IS THE GOOD LIFE!



IT'S A HUGE HOUSE! TIME FOR ME TO BECOME A HOMEOWNER. ALL MY FRIENDS CAN STAY FOR FREE!

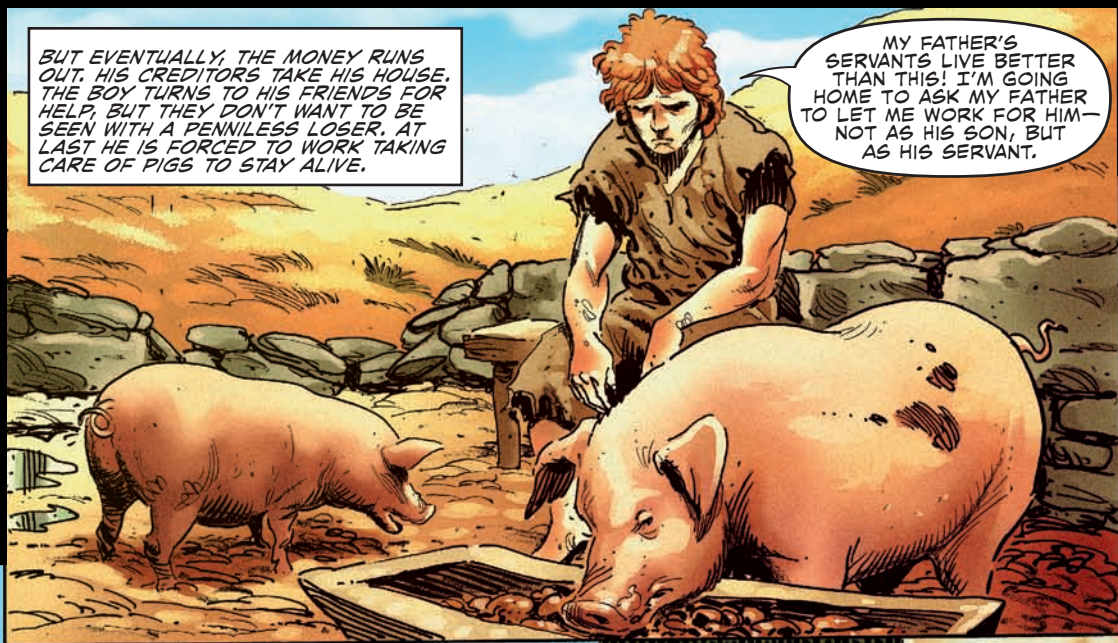
ARE WE HIS FRIENDS?

AS LONG AS HE HAS MONEY, WE ARE!



BUT EVENTUALLY, THE MONEY RUNS OUT. HIS CREDITORS TAKE HIS HOUSE. THE BOY TURNS TO HIS FRIENDS FOR HELP, BUT THEY DON'T WANT TO BE SEEN WITH A PENNILESS LOSER. AT LAST HE IS FORCED TO WORK TAKING CARE OF PIGS TO STAY ALIVE.

MY FATHER'S SERVANTS LIVE BETTER THAN THIS! I'M GOING HOME TO ASK MY FATHER TO LET ME WORK FOR HIM— NOT AS HIS SON, BUT AS HIS SERVANT.



BUT WHEN THE SON REACHES HOME, HIS FATHER RUSHES OUT TO MEET HIM.

FATHER! I HAVE SINNED AGAINST HEAVEN AND AGAINST YOU. I'M NOT WORTHY TO BE YOUR SON.





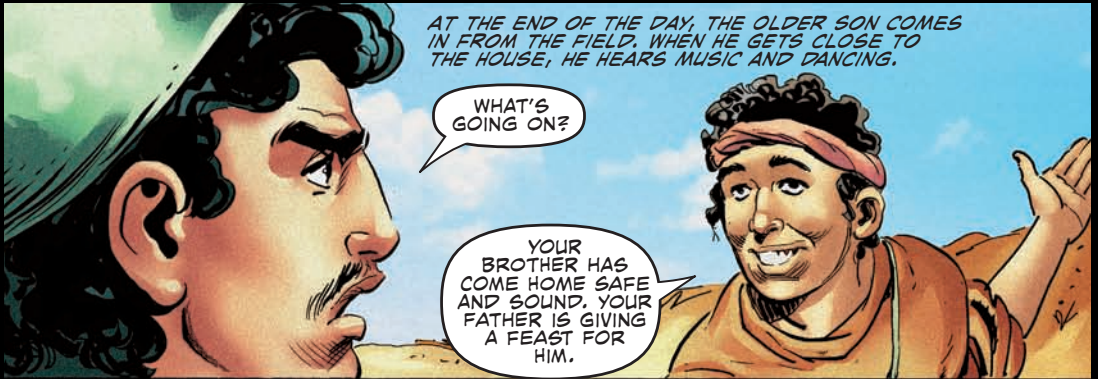


BRING MY SON THE BEST ROBE IN THE HOUSE! PREPARE A FEAST! MY SON WAS LOST AND NOW HE'S FOUND!



OUT IN THE FIELD, THE OLDER SON WORKS HARD.

IF MY BROTHER WERE HERE, I WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORK SO MUCH.



AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE OLDER SON COMES IN FROM THE FIELD. WHEN HE GETS CLOSE TO THE HOUSE, HE HEARS MUSIC AND DANCING.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

YOUR BROTHER HAS COME HOME SAFE AND SOUND. YOUR FATHER IS GIVING A FEAST FOR HIM.

IN ANGER, THE OLDER SON REFUSES TO GO INTO THE HOUSE AND JOIN THE PARTY. SO HIS FATHER COMES OUT TO TALK TO HIM.



I HAVE ALWAYS OBEYED EVERYTHING YOU WANTED ME TO DO, AND YOU'VE NEVER LET ME HAVE A PARTY WITH MY FRIENDS. BUT FOR HIM, YOU THROW THE BEST PARTY EVER.

EVERYTHING I HAVE IS YOURS. BUT WE HAVE TO CELEBRATE. YOUR BROTHER WAS THE SAME AS DEAD, AND NOW HE'S ALIVE AND SAFE.