Damaged Goods

I Want It Now A Message from Luke 15:11-32 ¹¹ To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: "A man had two sons.

¹² The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.

¹³ "A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living.

¹⁴ About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve.

¹⁵ He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs.

¹⁶ The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger!

¹⁸ I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you,

¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant."

²⁰ "So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.

²¹ His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.'

²² "But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet.

²³ And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast,

²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life.He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began.

²⁵ "Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working.
When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house,

²⁶ and he asked one of the servants what was going on.
²⁷ 'Your brother is back,' he was told, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.'

²⁸ "The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him,

²⁹ but he replied, 'All these years I've slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends.

³⁰ Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!'

³¹ "His father said to him, 'Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours.

³² We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!'"