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All Good Things Need NOT Come To An End

Luke 15:25-32

I. Symptoms of OBD (Older Brother Disorder):

²⁸“The older brother became angry and refused to go in.”

1. A heart choked with resentment.

²⁹“But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.’”

2. A belief that they are always underappreciated.

³⁰“But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!”

3. A posture of suspicion and judgmentalism.

II. What God Says To Older Brothers:

^{28b}“So his father went out and pleaded with him.”

1. “I’ll suffer humiliation for you, too.”

²⁹“But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you...’³¹‘My son,’ the father said...”

2. “I want you to be my son, not my slave.”

^{31b}“you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.”

3. “Everything you need has been here all along.”

³²“But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.”

4. “It’s not too late to join in the joy.”