

# OVERCOMING THE STRUGGLES OF LIFE

Intro:

A. Text: Luke 15:11-32

B. We are all familiar with the story of the Prodigal son. Today, let's study this from the angle of overcoming the struggles of life.

C. An examination of this story reveals a number of human struggles experienced by the sons.

D. We observe that the younger brother seems to have struggled with.....

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

E. We observe that the older brother struggled with.....

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

F. Two different circumstances and two different approaches to correction.

I. In the case of the younger son

A. The Father had to \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The Son had to \_\_\_\_\_.

C. The Son had to \_\_\_\_\_.

D. The Son had to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

E. The Father \_\_\_\_\_ the son and rejoiced in his \_\_\_\_\_.

II. In the case of the older son

A. The Father \_\_\_\_\_ him.

B. The Father \_\_\_\_\_ with him.

C. This was a \_\_\_\_\_ because this son had always been obedient. He had not been \_\_\_\_\_ but needed his father's guidance.

D. The likelihood is that he responded \_\_\_\_\_ to the father's corrective talk. The father does not \_\_\_\_\_ his status but is \_\_\_\_\_ about his standing as a son.

Conclusion: