

**Handling Life's Hurts**  
**Part 6: When Life is Unfair**  
**Luke 15:11-32**

**The Older Son**

**The Focus:** On rules and earning the "good life."

**The Fault:** Self-righteousness and believing that he was better than everyone else. Because he followed the rules, he thought the Father owed him the "good life" and should punish those who fall short.

**The Fix:** He had to bow down before he could grow up. He had to repent and come back into a love relationship with the Father. Notice the Father also sought the oldest son to invite him into the party as his beloved son.

**The Freedom:** The "good life" isn't found in performance, but in a personal relationship with the Loving Father!