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Week 25

Two Very Different Sons
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The context

Jesus teaching in the temple courts
Challenged by religious authorities
Answering a question with a question
Now who's being trapped?

The parable

Not to be confused (Luke 15:11)
The first son says no, but _____
The second son says yes, but _____
Which did the Father's will? _____

The application in Jesus' day

Honor and shame, right and wrong
Jesus is talking to religious leaders (Matthew 23:3, 5, 6, 13, 25-28)
Back to John the Baptist (Matthew 3:1-12)
The truth about "big" sinners (Matthew 22:10)
The truth about religious folk (Matthew 23:24)

The application in our day

Words without deeds (James 2:14-18)
Right and honorable (Philippians 2:15-16)
Words and deeds together (1 Peter 2:12)
Seeing "big" sinners through new eyes
(Matthew 9:9-13, Luke 15:10)

The application in our day - continued

Being receptive to John the Baptist
(Jeremiah 15:19; Matthew 4:17; Acts 2:38, 17:30;
2 Corinthians 7:10)

Where am I in the story?