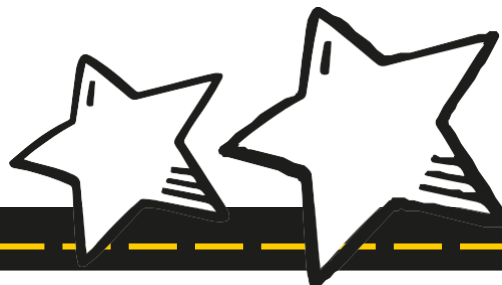


«We had to celebrate and rejoice, **because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found**»

This sentence comes at the end of parable about the prodigal son. It shows us how great is God's mercy.

It's a personal invitation that God offers to you and to all believers. He invites you to rejoice with him, to celebrate and to share in his joy at the return of a sinner who was lost and has been found again.

Jesus reveals God as Love and he shows us that God takes the first step towards us, regardless of whether we merit it or not. God wants us to open ourselves to him so that we can have an authentic life of communion with him.



(Lk 15:32)

By inviting the elder son to share his joy over the return of his lost son, the Father is asking you to change your mentality. In practice, this means that you have to welcome as your brothers and sisters even those persons for whom you nurture only feelings of contempt and superiority.

This will bring about a true conversion in you, because it will purify you of the notion that you are better than others and allow you to welcome, as a pure gift of God's love, the salvation Jesus has gained for you.

