

Contents

Introduction	9
1 <i>The Younger Son</i>	13
Rejecting love	13
I will not serve	14
A branch broken off from the trunk	15
Sin and freedom	17
Forgetting God	20
2 <i>The Elder Son</i>	23
The faithful son's sin	23
The incapacity to love	26
3 <i>Self-Reflection</i>	27
Apostasies of the heart	27
Our daily sins	28
4 <i>Realization and Conversion</i>	32
Coming to ourselves	34
New light	34
Conversion and humility	36
Do we deserve forgiveness?	37
5 <i>The Father</i>	41
The father's love	41
God's happiness	44
The true seriousness of sin	45
6 <i>A Change of Heart</i>	47
A new man	47
A new conversion every day	49
We are not converted on our own	51
On intimate terms with Jesus Christ	53
The power to make God happy	55