



THE PRODIGAL SON

Walnut

Selected from Luke 15:20-24

*...His father saw him and had compassion,
and ran and embraced him...
And the son said,
"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;
I am no longer worthy to be called your son."
But the father said,
"...bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us make merry;
for this my son was dead, and is alive again;
he was lost, and is found."*

In looking back, I don't remember exactly why I put a tree stump in this carving. In most cases, I would add something like that only if it had some symbolic value or if it was specifically mentioned in the Bible verse. Perhaps I thought it might symbolize the solid roots of his father's home to which he is returning as opposed to the transient life he, the son, has been living.