

The Father's Love

Luke 15: 11-24

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Who is the central character of this parable?

This is not the parable of the prodigal _____, it is the parable of the prodigal _____.

The word "prodigal" means not only _____, _____ but also _____, _____, _____.

The father's _____ knew no limits

His _____, no boundaries

His _____, no restraints

What is this a picture of?

Jesus tells us if we want to know what God is like, look at the _____.

Look at what God was doing and would do through the One who tells the parable, _____ - _____.

God's love is _____ love. And what did we do to deserve it?

What does God offer and why?

What is the greatest title/designation we can attribute to God?

Five ways the prodigality or extravagance of the father is shown.

1). Benevolent _____ (Hebrews 4:16)

- What was the father like?

- Did the father suspect the sons real motives?

- What is our problem?

2). What is the second way we witness the father's extravagance?

- The father loved the son too much to _____ him. (see Mark 10:21)

- Love only _____ what it _____.

- How do you break the father's heart (grieve the Holy spirit – Ephesians 4:30)

- The “distant country” is the realm of _____. It is a condition of the _____.

- It is a dwelling in the land of _____.

- How do we get into that condition?

- What are you doing with the gift of life?

- How easy/difficult is it to “come to our senses”?
What does it mean? What does it take?

3). Notice the father’s _____ again.

- What did the father do/not do? How is this love?

- We cry out “What’s the meaning _____ this God?” He patiently waits until we can humbly ask, “What’s the meaning _____ this God?”

-When we come to our senses, we want to _____.

-What happened _____ us drives us to realize what has happened _____ us.

4). Next, what kind of prodigal _____ awaits us when we return.

-Our least _____ unleashes His immense and incalculable _____ (vs20)

5). Look at the extravagant _____

- The robe –

- The ring –

- The sandals –

- The fattened calf –

- The celebration –

The realization that we have the capacity to bring our heavenly father _____ is the liberating nature of the Christian life!

-What have you learned about God? Yourself?

-What decision(s) lay before you?

- In what ways will you apply this teaching to your life and relationships?