

Lifeway Notes

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S LOVE

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"I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." (2 Corinthians 6:18) NIV

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1) NIV

HOW GOD RELATES TO HIS CHILDREN (Luke 15:11-32):

1. WITH _____.

"...There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them." (Luke 15:11-12) NIV

"Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" (Matthew 7:9-11) NIV

Three things the prodigal son had:

1) _____
"...The younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country..." (Luke 15:13)

2) _____
"...and there squandered his wealth in wild living." (Luke 15:13)

3) _____
"He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything." (Luke 15:16)

2. WITH _____.

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' So he got up and went to his father." (Luke 15:17-20) NIV

Steps to reconciliation with God:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, 'Father I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate." (Luke 15:20-24) NIV

3. WITH _____.

"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him... 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'" (Luke 15:28, 31-32)

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