



“God Our Father”

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GOD IS OUR FATHER. Stating that is important, but seeing this pictured for us puts this idea into a concrete reality. The Bible gives us just such a view as we look at a parable that Jesus shares in Luke 15:11-32. Here we see pictured how God the Father deals with His prodigal children. We learn God deals with His rebelliously lost and the religiously lost children with His same amazing grace.

FIRST GRACIOUS ACTION

I. He released the child Luke 15:11-12

A. Revealed a risk *WHAT WAS HE RISKING?*

B. Relinquished control

SECOND GRACIOUS ACTION

II. He resisted intervention Luke 15:13-19

A. Required self-control from the father (13-16)

B. Resulted from this self-control (17-19)

THIRD GRACIOUS ACTION

III. He restored the child completely Luke 15:20-24

A. Required compassion, forgiveness, and mercy (20)

B. Result of such treatment (20-24)

FOURTH GRACIOUS ACTION

IV. He rejoiced in the child's return Luke 15:24-32

A. Overjoyed father (24))

CONTRAST

B. Provoked older brother (25-32)

RESPOND

1. QUOTE to consider: “I am convinced that one of the reasons the prodigal son ‘came to himself’ and finally returned home was because of the kind of father he had. There is no magnet with a stronger pull than genuine love. Love has drawn back more wanderers and softened more hard hearts than this world will ever know.” Chuck Swindoll

2. Jesus’ favorite term when addressing God – 65 times he called God “father” in the synoptic Gospels, and over 100 x’s in Gospel of John. As you are reading in your Bibles, underline some of those occasions and ask, “Why was that title important in this situation for Jesus?”

3. God is our CREATOR, but He has a deep intimate relationship to His CREATION. Since God is our Father, how should this encourage us? Here are a few questions to consider:

- How does this impact us when we pray? (Matt. 7:11)
- What does this do to encourage us when we sin? (Eph. 2:4-5)
- When we are needy how does this relationship encourage us? (Matt. 6:26; Rom. 8:15)
- As we face needs, what does knowing that God is our Father do to comfort us? (Philip. 4:19)