

The FatherHeart of God

We must celebrate with a feast

Luke 15:1-32

Sermon Notes

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“But his Father said to the servant: Quick, bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. We must celebrate with a feast” (Luke 15:22-23)

- The Father is calling you back home, can you hear his voice? (Gen 3:8-9)

⁸ When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man^[a] and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees. ⁹ Then the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

- The Father is waiting eagerly for your return to fellowship (Rev 2:4-5)

⁴ “But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love me or each other as you did at first!^[a] ⁵ Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don’t repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches.

- The Father can’t contain his joy of having back home for fellowship (Luke 15:20)

²⁰ “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.

- See how much the Father has loved (1 John 3:1)

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don’t recognize that we are God’s children because they don’t know him.

- Even all you have been through, all that you feel you have done and all your regrets will not be able to separate you from his love and compassion for you (Romans 8:31-39)

³⁵ Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ³⁶ (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep."^[a]) ³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. ³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,^[b] neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Welcome back home, enter into your Father's joy and celebration.
- Come to me all you who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28-30)

²⁸ Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

- For my yoke is easy and my burden is light
- Today the Father has chosen to celebrate you with a feast.
- Would you allow the Father to rejoice over you with singing?

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Come to me. Would you come to Him now?