

A NEW VIEW

Luke 15:11-24

Start Here: Luke 15:11-20

Opening Thought:

God's love for us is extravagant and reckless, much like the father in the parable of the prodigal son. This story isn't just about a wayward child, but about a father who lavishly pours out his love. Our perspective on God's character can be transformed when we see Him as the prodigal father, always looking for us, longing for us, and ready to embrace us with open arms.

Scripture In Focus:

Luke 15:20 (NIV) *"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."*

Reflection Questions:

1. How does viewing God as the "prodigal father" change your understanding of His love for you?
2. In what areas of your life do you need to experience God's extravagant love?
3. How might your relationships with others change if you adopted this "new view" of God's love?
4. Can you recall a time when you felt God's compassion and love in a powerful way?

Finish Reading: Luke 15:21-24

Application:

Today, intentionally look for signs of God's extravagant love in your life. This could be through nature, relationships, or unexpected blessings. Take a moment to express gratitude for each instance you notice. Additionally, consider how you can reflect this kind of lavish love to someone in your life who may be feeling distant or unworthy.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your extravagant, reckless love for me. Help me to truly grasp the depth of Your compassion and the lengths You go to welcome me home. Open my eyes to see You as the prodigal father, always watching and waiting for me. Let this new perspective transform how I view myself and others. Guide me to share Your lavish love with those around me today. In Jesus' name, Amen.