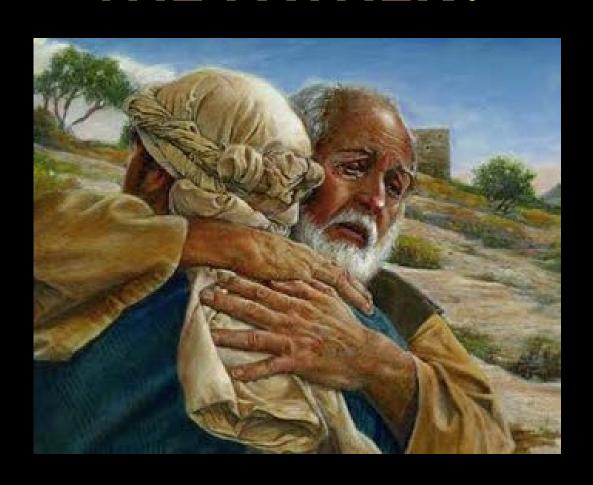
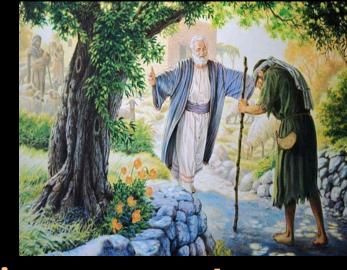
## DO YOU LOVE THE FATHER?



**LUKE 15:11-32** 

## I. Jesus wanted the sinners to know that the Father loved them (Luke 15:11-20).



- What lessons could Jesus' dinner guests gain from these parables?
- Why didn't someone go looking for the brother like they did for the sheep and coin?

 How does the Father's love reconcile the returning son with the whole community? II. Jesus wanted the self-righteous to know that the Father loved them (v.26-32).



 How can we know that the older son doesn't care about honoring his father?

 How can we allow pride in our obedience to separate us from the Father?

• What is wrong with thinking that the Father owes us for our obedience?

III. The sinful and the self-righteous both need to love the Father (v.28-32).



 What is wrong with obeying the Father to get things instead of to get Him?

 Are the self-righteous any less separated from their father than the sinful?

 What is wrong with being righteous because it is to your own advantage? IV. Loving the Father demands selflessly loving our brother (v.28-32).



 How does a refusal to love and forgive a brother leave you isolated?

What is it about grace that can be too scary?

 What do you need to be doing to show love to your brother or sister? Call to Action: To love the Father so much that you want to be with Him and with His children.



- What is wrong with your heart when you want to be off in a far country?
- What is wrong with your heart when you don't want to rejoice with your family?
- What is it about God's grace that scares you?
- How do we want to treat returning brothers?
- What will help you grow in your love for the Father and His children?

-How can we help?