

Parable of Lost Son Part-2  
Luke 15:11-32

People desire to have a loving relationship with their father. Orphans and adopted children at some point have a longing to know their father. Dads play an extremely important role in a child's development into adulthood. Not everyone has a good experience with dad. Many fathers are missing in action, some are abusive, and others are self-centered. This leaves a child with a longing to have a close relationship with father.

Last week we looked at this story Jesus told from the perspective of the sons. Today we are going to look at the story from the father's viewpoint.

Read v11-32

I want to introduce you to our heavenly father. He is portrayed in this story Jesus tells.

He – is fair, loving, patient, just, kind, wise, receiving, gives growing opportunities, forgives, knows how to celebrate, and strives to reconcile differences.

These are just a few words that describe our God.

How do we describe God to other people? Do we just say God or do we tell others about His characteristics? Do we introduce them to a real live God or do we portray Him as some God out there in space.

On several occasions, Jesus commented that when we see Him we see the Heavenly Father (God).

Let me introduce you to my God through the Bible.

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This is the father identified in our story today. Just like the father of the lost son, God is waiting for you and me to come to our senses, repent, and run to His arms.

He is waiting for you to desire to be in His presence. He longs to have a relationship with you. He wants to see your faith grow in Him. He wants so much for you.

Why don't we have this experience? It falls on us to decide if we want what God offers.

**Jeremiah 29:13** “And you will seek Me and **find** Me, when you **search** for Me with all your heart.”

**Acts 17:26-30** (HCS) “From one man He has made every nation of men to live all over the earth and has determined their appointed times and the boundaries of where they live, **27** so that they might seek God, and perhaps they might reach out and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. **28** For in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' Gk poet. **29** Being God's offspring, then, we shouldn't think that the divine nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image fashioned by human art and imagination. **30** "Therefore, having overlooked the times of ignorance, God now commands all people everywhere to repent,”