Our Father God Gives us of His Kingdom

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INTRODUCTION

- But I think of God, who's never going to give up on us. A God who loves us, who is our heavenly Father.
- As long as there is hope, and as long as we have the ability to strive to follow after him, and as long as we try to obey him, he's never going to give up on us.
- But sometimes what happens is that people walk away from their spiritual life.

1 Sick of Home

Luke 15:12; Luke 15:13–16

- The younger of them said to his father, give me the portion of good that falls to me. So he divided to them his livelihood.
- Not many days after, the younger son gathers all together and journeys to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.
- Our Father God gives us of his kingdom. Our Father God gives us of things of great value. And it's up to us to decide what we will do with those things to which we are blessed with.
- He would have gladly filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate. And no one gave him anything.

2 When He Came to Himself: Homesick

Luke 15:17–18

- But when he came to himself, he said, How many of my father's servants have bread and enough to spare? And lo, I perish with hunger.
- I will arise and go to my father and say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and earth.
- You can recognize here in verse 17, he's homesick. He knows where he needs to be, he knows he needs to be serving in such a way.
- He goes away from where he should be, but that doesn't mean he won't repent. As long as someone has breath in their body, they have hope to come back to the Lord.

3 Homeward Bound

Luke 15:20; Luke 15:22–24

- I'll be a servant if I have to, but I don't want to be in this condition.
- He ran to him, he fell on his neck and embraced him and kissed him.
- The father says, Don't want to hear it. Bring out the fatted calf, put a robe on him, put sandals on his feet, and celebrate, and here's the key word, celebrate instantly.
- Let us eat and be merry, for this my son was dead, and is alive again. He was lost, and is found, and they began to be merry.

4 Our Father God Challenges the Faithful unto Perspective

Luke 15:25–30; Luke 15:2–3

- When somebody comes back to the Lord, we need to instantly celebrate.
- These many years I've not transgressed your commandments at any time, and you have not so much as given me a young goat.
- And our Father God challenges we, the faithful, unto perspective.
- He leaves it open ended so that the original audience can make their decision as to what they're gonna do.
- We shouldn't grow bitter when people are trying to be better.

5 Our Father God Challenges the Faithful unto Cheerful Mercy

Luke 15:31–32

- Our Father God challenges the faithful unto cheerful mercy. A type of cheer that is gracious.
- For he says in verse 32, it was right that we should make merry and be glad for your brother.
- What he did was wrong. But the older brother needs to know that when the younger brother truly changed, that he should accept him cheerfully with mercy.
- Son, you're always with me. All that I have is yours.
- What he wants more than anything, not silver and gold, not a bunch of cattle like the fatted calf, he wants souls to return to him.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you have drifted, if you're far away from the Lord, please come home. Please do so.**

MY NOTES