

What a Great Father!
Luke 15: 11-24

Howdy!

Our Heavenly Father is great

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Message Application:

There is a company that makes children books with a clever twist. You can order a book for the child in your life; your own kids, your grandkids, whoever that special child is.

You can order a book about knights and dragons or traveling through space or having a tea party with a unicorn; but what makes this book really special is how it is printed.

When you order the children's book they ask you specific questions about your child. Their name, their pets name, the names of any siblings, the street they live on or the school they go to. The company isn't trying to pry. What the publishers do is tailor the book for your child.

So when little Johnny or Suzie opens their book, they are the main character. The place where they live is a kingdom that has the same name as the street they live on. The good dragon or unicorn has the same name as a brother or sister. I think

you get it, don't you. Being in the story is better than reading about just another character.

In today's message the Scripture records one of the best stories or parables that Jesus ever shared. I want you to know my friends that we are in this story.

Jesus wants us to realize that the father in the story is our Heavenly Father. He wants us to know that the Father wants the wayward son to come home.

Everything is prepared. Our Father waits, ready to run to the child and express forgiveness and love to him.

Jesus wants you to realize that you are the lost son in his story. We all have been that messed up child. We would rather take off for a far off country than to admit that we need the Father God. Yes you and I are the wayward son.

The question is what part of the story do you find yourself in today? Are you on the run? Are you squandering your blessing, your inheritance? Have you reached the bottom of the pig pen? Have you come to your senses? Have you come home? This week meditate on answering that question. Ask yourself what it will take to move forward to the next scene of the story. Your Father is waiting to welcome you home.

Lastly, if you can say that you have come home; why not go and tell other lost children about the way home? Your Father is waiting for them too.

Grace & Peace,

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