



# MESSAGE NOTES

## The Parable of The Father's Love

Luke 15:11-32

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### 1. An unconditional love

Nothing qualifies us to be called children of God, only the Father's love for us.

***1 John 3:1 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!***

There's nothing you could ever do to earn this position. It's a free gift to anyone who's willing to receive it.

### 2. A gentle love

God is strong for us and gentle with us. He's waiting for us to love Him out of our own free will.

***2 Corinthians 5:15 He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.***

When you realize the consequences of living for yourself and choose to live for Him instead, He's ready to welcome you with open arms.

### 3. Being filled with this love

From then, as we grow closer and closer in our walk with Him, we become more and more full of this love of the Father in our hearts.

***Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.***

This verse was written to Christians. After we open the front door of our hearts to Jesus there are still other doors to other rooms in our hearts which He is waiting for us to open. Through this process of allowing Him into every area of our hearts we can be filled to overflowing with the love of God.

***Ephesians 3:17-19 I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.***