

# **Overcoming Fear: the Lord is our Gracious Father**

Luke 15:11-32

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- ***"Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name."*** (Matthew 6:9)
- ***"A father to the fatherless"*** (Psalm 68:5)
- ***"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...How often I wanted to gather My children together, just as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not have it"*** (Luke 13:34).

# I. Joy of Returning(vs.11-19) - A. Shameful Rebellion

**"and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.' And he divided his wealth between them." (vs.12)**



“And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country,



and there he squandered his estate with loose living" (vs.13)



"Now when he had spent everything,



a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be in need." (vs.14)



## **B. Shameful Repentance vs.17-19**

**"But when he come to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger!'" (vs.17)**

**"I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.'" (vs.18-19).**





## II. Joy of Reconciliation (vs.20-32)- A. Shameful rejoicing (vs.20-24)

**"And he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him, and kissed him." (vs.20)**



**II. Joy of Reconciliation (vs.20-32)- A. Shameful rejoicing (vs.20-24)**

**"And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'" (vs.21)**

**"But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet;" (vs.22)**



## **B. Shameful reaction (vs.25-32)**

**"But he answered and said to his father, 'Look! For so many years I have been serving you, and I have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a goat, that I might be merry with my friends.'" (vs.29)**

**"But we had to be merry and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found." (vs.32).**



# Conclusion

**"fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame" (Hebrew 12:2).**