

The Father's Heart

Luke 15:11-32

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro: Everything We Know About Fatherhood

I. Hitting Rock Bottom (v. 11-16)

1. What has been your default view of God's heart toward you? Have you viewed Him as a loving Father, someone who is angry or disappointed with you, or something different? Why have you felt that way?

II. Coming to His Senses (v. 17-20a)

2. Thinking back on your life, what was your "rock bottom" moment? How did God come running to you in that moment?

III. Surprise Party (v. 20b-24)

3. What inherent dangers do you see in the attitude of the older brother? How might these be especially dangerous for those of us who have grown up in the church?

IV. Angered by Grace (v. 25-32)

4. What, if anything, is God communicating to you today and/or leading you to do in response to this Parable?

Conclusion: Strike Up the Band (Will You Come Home?)