

# A Look At The Father



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# LUKE 15:1-2

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”



## **Demands and Failure (15:11-16)**

11 And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them.

## **Demands and Failure (15:11–16)**

13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

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14 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.

## **Demands and Failure (15:11-16)**

15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16 And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

# **A Necessary Understanding (15:17-19)**

17 “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!’

## **A Necessary Understanding (15:17–19)**

18 I will arise and go to my father,  
and I will say to him, “Father, I have  
sinned against heaven and before  
you. 19 I am no longer worthy to  
be called your son. Treat me as one  
of your hired servants.””



## **The Father's Response (15:20-24)**

20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

# The Father's Response (15:20-24)

21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.

# **The Father's Response (15:20-24)**

23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

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God is our Father who welcomes us back. He seeks us. He wants us back. He runs to us.



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God wants every person to come to his senses.