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## The Father

*Luke 15:1-2 (ESV)-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."*

### REVIEW

The way to come home...

- ◆ Confession
- ◆ Remorse
- ◆ Submission
- ◆ Repentance

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## 1. THE REALIZATION

Luke 15:17 (ESV)- "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread

## 2. THE REHEARSAL

Luke 15:17-20 (ESV)- I will arise and go to my father...I will say... "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."

## 3. THE RESPONSE

Luke 15:20-24 (ESV)- 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. 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.' 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. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

### The Heart Of The Father...

#### A. His Allowance

Luke 15:12 (ESV)- 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them.

#### B. His Pursuit

Luke 15:20 (ESV)- 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.

#### C. His Restoration

Luke 15:21-22 (ESV)- 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... For this my son...

#### D. His Love

Luke 15:23-24 (ESV)- let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found...

**Here Is The Point:** God desires for people to come home...