

Thy Kingdom Come, Day 7



The Lost Son – Luke 15:11-32

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKDujmtyAVk> How deep the Father's Love

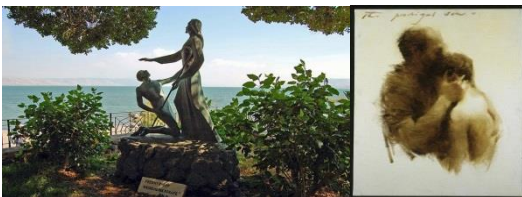
(Elbow in "Open Arms" (secular approach) do a version of the Prodigal Son <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-AxBOtHzEI>)



The Prodigal Son/Daughter : The Lost Son knew the Father before he left home, but he entered in to a rebellion, I'm going my own way no matter what & with your money & resources and squandering it all. Then he loses the money, lives wildly and finds himself in a country of famine. "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I'm no longer worthy to be called your son".

The Father – generous to both sons, compassionate to the returnee, gives him robes, ring and a party. Says to the other son "You are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and now he is alive again. He was lost and is found."

What does it tell us about God the Father?



Three illustrations – Jesus embracing the very man who has tried to nail him to the cross, a statue by Lake Galilee of Jesus forgiving and re-instating Peter after the Resurrection, The loving embrace of Father in forgiveness of son.

Father God, we pray for those amongst our families, Church, friends and neighbours who have wandered far from God. We pray that they would come back and experience your forgiveness and love for them. Show us your Father heart for them, guide us to help in the process for them to come back. Give us forgiving hearts and a sense of the joy there is in heaven when they return. May we be open and welcoming. Amen.

