

June 21, 2020 - The Waiting Father Luke 15:11-23 Mark Mitchell

Read Luke 15: 11-32

"This story shows us our Father-God is extravagant and reckless in his love for lost people; a love that refuses to give us what we deserve but instead gives us what we desperately need." Mark Mitchell

- 1. Does Mark's quote ring true in your personal story? How so?
- 2. Do you identify more with the younger son (outwardly rebellious) or the older son, (inwardly resentful)?
- 3. What does the Father's response to each of his sons tell you about God's response to each of us?
- 4. Thinking about Rembrandt's painting called, "The Return of the Prodigal," what do the father's hands tell you about the Father's love?
- 5. What does it mean to you that our Father-God embodies these qualities?
  - Gives freedom

- Experiences grief
- Grants forgiveness
- Shows generosity
- 6. Which of these can you most identify with as an earthly father, mother, son or daughter?
- 7. Which of these qualities do you ask God to increase in your life right now so you can look more like your Heavenly Father?