

Lost & Found
The Running Father



Luke 15:20-24

May 24, 2026

The Father _____ us _____ we _____

The Father _____ toward _____ people

The Father _____ more than He _____

The Father celebrates _____

Questions to think about

1. When you hear the story of the prodigal son, which part of the story do you naturally connect with most right now—the drifting son, the running father, or the struggle to receive grace? Why?
2. In Luke 15:20, the father sees the son “while he was still a long way off.” What does that detail teach us about the heart of God toward people who have wandered?
3. Shame often causes people to hide from God instead of running toward Him. Why do you think we tend to pull away from God after failure instead of moving closer to Him?
4. The son rehearsed a speech because he expected rejection or probation. Have you ever found yourself relating to God more like an employee trying to prove yourself than a son or daughter who is already loved?
5. Read Luke 15:22–24 again. Which part of the father’s response stands out to you most—the robe, the ring, the sandals, or the celebration? Why?
6. The father was extravagant in grace. Why is grace sometimes difficult for people to fully receive or believe?
7. The sermon said, “We often try to achieve acceptance instead of living from acceptance.” What does that look like practically in everyday life?
8. Is there an area of your life right now where you sense God inviting you to “come home” again—to stop hiding, stop performing, and return honestly to Him?