The Father rejoices over us as we return to him.

## 1. The Father Rejoices over the Repentant Prodigal who Returns Home, 15:11-24

a. The rebellion that leads us away from the Father, 15:11-16 the one who once pursued his every pleasure now finds himself as a total stranger in a foreign country battling just to survive - the circumstances will change, but we will always reap what we sow

b. The contrition that brings us back to the Father, 15:17-24 finding a lost sheep or a lost coin is one thing, but it's a God thing to find a lost child - a dead person raised to life calls for the best celebration ever

## 2. The Father Pleads with the Indignant Pouter who Disparages Him, 15:25-32

a. The frustration of the one who never leaves him, 15:25-30 we can be like the older son/brother who's dutiful and diligent in what we do, but we struggle to understand God's marvelous grace and perfect righteousness

b. The invitation from the Father who always extends mercy, 15:31-32 while advocating for justice, we may need a lesson in grace