



WOMEN'S STUDY GUIDE · WEEK OF AUG 23, 2026

# The Father Who Runs

Seventy Times Seven · Part 3 | Pastor Sam Ellery | Read: Luke 15:11–32

## THE BIG IDEA

You don't have to clean up first or find the right words. The porch light is on, the Father is watching the road, and His welcome is a gift, not a reward.

## TALK IT OVER

Who has "kept the porch light on" for you: someone who kept hoping and praying when you had drifted?

- 1 The son decided, "I am no longer worthy." Where do you hear that voice in your own life? How does the father's interruption answer it? ▶ 0:02:15
- 2 In Pastor Sam's porch light story, a mother kept a light burning every night for two years. What does it cost to keep hoping for someone? Who are you keeping a light on for right now? ▶ 0:21:45
- 3 The older brother stayed outside with folded arms while everyone else celebrated. When have you felt that quiet resentment when grace was given to someone else? ▶ 0:11:55
- 4 Pastor Sam described confession as "simply agreeing with God and turning toward home." How does that change the way you think about confessing sin? ▶ 0:34:25
- 5 Robe, ring, sandals: covering, belonging, freedom. Which of these gifts do you most need to receive from the Father this week, and why? ▶ 0:06:40

## NOTES

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## KEY VERSE

*"...while he was still far off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him."*

LUKE 15:20 · WEB

## THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Write the name of someone you're praying home on a card and set it by a lamp you use every day. Each time you switch it on, pray for them. If a "not worthy" thought shows up, answer it out loud with Luke 15:20.

## PRAY TOGETHER

*Father, thank You that I don't have to earn my way back to You. When I hear "not worthy," remind me of Your open arms. Give me patience to keep the light on for the people I love, and a soft heart toward everyone You welcome. In Jesus' name, amen.*

## READ ALONG THIS WEEK

### MON

Luke 15:1–7  
The lost sheep

### TUE

Luke 15:8–10  
The lost coin

### WED

Luke 15:11–24  
The son comes home

### THU

Luke 15:25–32  
The older brother

### FRI

1 John 1:5–10  
Walking in the light