



The Dad Who Ran

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

Luke 15
the prodigal son

THE BIG IDEA

You can't mess up so badly that God stops watching the road for you. He doesn't walk. He runs.

TALK IT OVER

Warm-up: What's the funniest way you've ever seen an adult run? (The dad in this story did something just as embarrassing, on purpose.)

- 1 The younger son basically said, "Give me my stuff now." What do people our age want *right now* that ends up leaving them empty? ▶ 0:02:15
- 2 He practiced a whole speech before heading home. Ever rehearsed what you'd say after you messed up? How did it actually go? ▶ 0:02:15
- 3 The dad didn't even let him finish the speech. What does that tell you about how God sees you after you blow it? ▶ 0:06:40
- 4 Be real: are you more like the brother who ran off, or the brother who stayed home and got salty about it? ▶ 0:11:55
- 5 Is there someone at school, on your team or in your group that everyone has written off? What would joining the party look like instead of standing outside with folded arms? ▶ 0:30:50

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

PORCH LIGHT CHALLENGE

Text one person who's drifted (from church, the friend group, anywhere):
"Hey, thought of you today. Miss you."
That's it. No speech needed. Bonus: tell God one honest thing you've been hiding.

PRAY TOGETHER

God, thanks for running to me even when I'm a mess. Help me come back fast when I wander, and help me make room for other people too. Amen.

NOTES

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

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1 John 1:5–10
Walking in the light