



“The Father’s Heart”

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I. **Romans 8:35-39**

A. There is no comparison...no natural understanding...

1. God’s love is Agape Love – This means it is Unconditional, Selfless, and Sacrificial.
2. When God gave His only begotten Son...When Jesus laid down His life for You and for Me....There is No Greater Love Than This. Jesus calls you His friend!
3. Nothing...Absolutely Nothing will ever make God stop loving you!
4. And Even though I can’t understand it with my natural mind, my Spirit says, Yes....This is where so many people miss God’s love (They let their mind talk louder than their heart!)

B. The Parable of the Prodigal Son (Lost Son)

1. Many Scholars agree that this parable should be called The Parable of the Father’s Heart!
2. **Incomparable Love Luke 15:4 & 20**
 - You are always on your Father’s Mind (**Psalm 115:12** “The Lord has been mindful of you!”)
 - God is always looking for you...You are always on His heart!
 - The son does not receive the love of the Father because He deserves it, because his life merits it, or because he has earned it. The Father’s love is unmerited, undeserved, and unearned.
 - The Father’s love is extravagant, unconditional, freely given...and it Never Fails!!!
3. Inexplicable Acceptance (**Luke 15:22-24**)
 - Look at what the Father did...He didn’t even allow the son to get to far into his speech; He was quick to accept and approve!
 - Get the best robe (sign of honor); Put a ring on his finger (sign of restored authority); Have a feast (sign of the celebration of your life – there is nothing more important to God). People that think that God isn’t listening or He just doesn’t care....let me tell you, He loves you more than you can imagine...

II. How To Receive From Father God (2 things)

A. Run to the Throne Room

1. Don’t be ashamed...don’t allow the enemy to talk you out of your relationship with your Heavenly Father.
2. **Hebrews 4:15-16** “Come boldly to the throne room...”
 - Notice the prodigal son...when he came to his senses, he humbled himself and put aside the pride and the shame.

- When you seek Him, you will find Him; run to Him and He will run to you!
- B. If you want to receive from Him, Act Like Him
1. ***Love Like the Father***
 2. ***Give Like the Father***
 3. ***Pray Like the Father***
 - Did you know that Jesus is praying for you?
 - ***James 5:16*** “Pray one for another...” / ***Job 42:10*** “When he prayed for his friends...” / ***Matthew 5:44-45*** “Pray for those...”