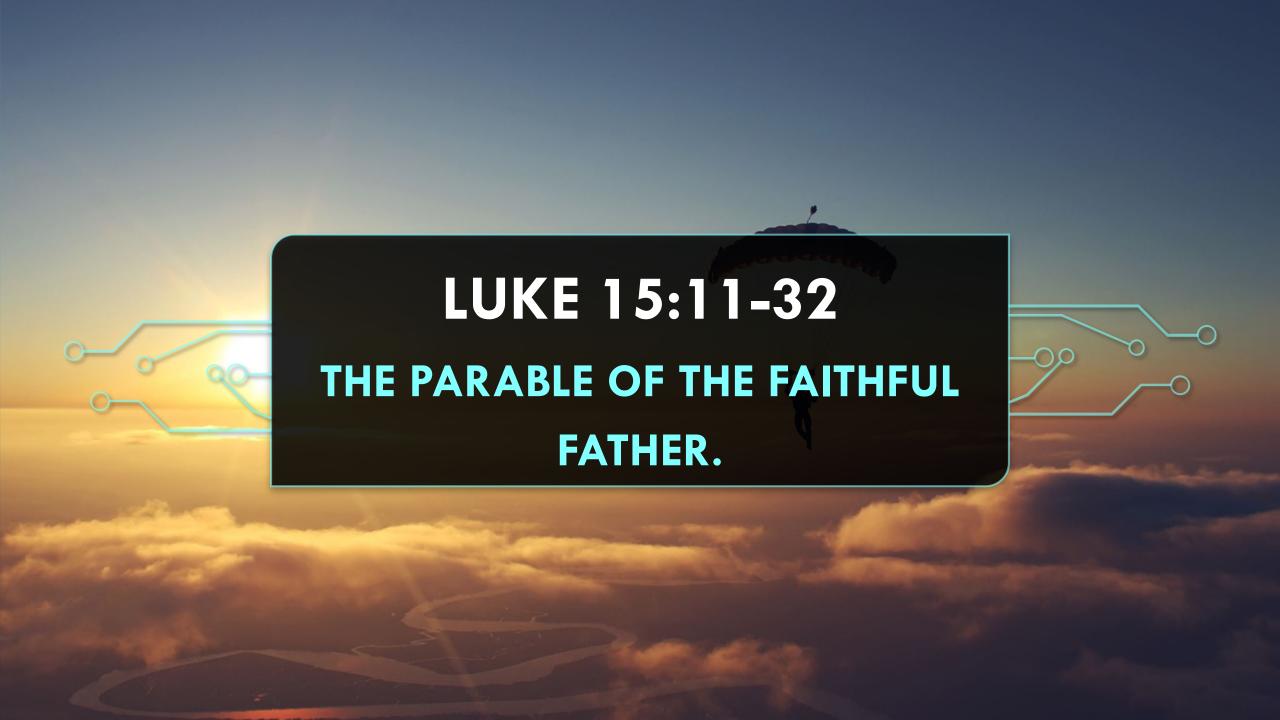
LUKE 15:11-24

A FATHER'S LOVE



VS. 11-12

- The father fulfilled his responsibility to provide for his family and even to leave an inheritance to his children.
 - •2 Cor. 12:14
 - •**Proverbs 13:22**
 - •1 Peter 1:3-4
 - Matthew 6:19-24

VS. 11-12

- The father is not a micromanaging father. In his authority, he leaves room for his children to make their own choices.
- He desires that his children love him by choice and for our obedience to come from the heart.

VS. 13-14

The son left the protection and provision of the father to pursue his own selfish and sinful desires.

Sin promises freedom but leads to enslavement.



VS. 15-19

 The son was brought to an end of himself.

• At rock bottom, he reflected upon the goodness of his father.

This reflection led to repentance.

VS. 20-24 TRUTHS ABOUT OUR FATHER

Our Father does not give up on His children.



VS. 20-24 TRUTHS ABOUT OUR FATHER

Our Father is a forgiving and a restoring Father.



VS. 20-24 TRUTHS ABOUT OUR FATHER

 Our Father is a merciful and gracious Father, a generous Father!

VS. 20-24 TRUTHS ABOUT OUR FATHER

- We learn that our Father rejoices when one of His children repent.
- Repentance is indeed a cause for celebrating!

Following our own path leads to misery but returning to our Father leads to mercy.

God desires fellowship with His children!

• Restoration is available for those who want to return to God.

•Our Father's mercy is seen through His unconditional love and forgiveness.

 Do not give up on those who have strayed from their relationship with The Father!

• Do we understand what kind of Father we have been blessed with?

- The more I know my Heavenly Father, the more I learn how I should act as an earthly father.
- •God is our example! Do we understand the bar that is set for us as earthly fathers? Even to our grown /children?

MATTHEW 6:9-13

- OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN
- HALLOWED BE THY NAME!

• THY KINGDOM COME! • THY WILL BE DONE! **•ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN!**

- •GIVE US THIS DAY, OUR DAILY BREAD!
- AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS!
- AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL!

• FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY FOREVER!

• AMEN!!!