



Luke 15:1, 11-32 (NIV)

"Human history is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy." -C.S. Lewis

"This is man impatient of divine control, desiring to be independent of God, seeking to be his own master; that "sin of sins, in which all subsequent sins are included as in their germ, for they are but the unfolding of this one." -Trench

1) God's Love Closes The Gap!

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."
Luke 15:20 (NIV)

If you feel far from God, it's not Him that has moved.

2) The God Who Runs

"...filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." **Luke 15:20B (NIV)**

3) Son Over Servant

The prodigal son no longer thought of himself worthy to be called a son, but the Father could never call him anything else.

Reflection Questions:

- 1) What did God speak to you through this passage?
- 2) Are you more like the prodigal son or the religious son?
- 3) In what ways has God closed the gap on your life and ran towards you?
- 4) How can you adapt a heart like that of the Father in this text?