

RUNNING AWAY AND RUNNING HOME

The Power of Grace, Part 2

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Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.’ So he got up and went to his father. 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. “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.”
 Luke 15:11-24 (NIV-84)

“The younger son was saying, essentially, that he wants his father’s things, but not his father. His relationship to the father has been a means to the end and enjoying his wealth, and now he is weary of that relationship.”

–Timothy Keller

How do we end up in a “distant country?”

_____. Then suddenly,

Law of the Harvest:

- You reap _____ you sow.
- You reap more than you sow.
- You reap after you sow.

“Running away from God starts by feeling free and ends in utter misery—either in this life or the one to come, or both.”

–John Piper

“If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world.”

–C.S. Lewis

Your _____ of God determines your approach to God.

“It’s not the repentance that causes the father’s love, but rather the reverse.”

–Timothy Keller

4 Gifts of Grace:

1. **Robe:** My Father covers my shame.
2. **Ring:** My Father gives me his authority.
3. **Sandals:** My Father treats me as a _____ (not a slave).
4. **Fattened Calf:** My Father celebrates my presence.

Next Step:

_____ to the Father again and again and again.

Take your next step



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出走與歸家

恩典的大能 (二)

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耶穌又說：「一個人有兩個兒子。小兒子對父親說：『父親，請你把我應得的家業分給我。』他父親就把產業分給他們。「過了不多幾日，小兒子就把他一切所有的都收拾起來，往遠方去了。在那裏任意放蕩，浪費資財。既耗盡了一切所有的，又遇着那地方大遭饑荒，就窮苦起來。於是去投靠那地方的一個人，那人打發他到田裏去放豬。他恨不得拿豬所吃的豆莢充飢，也沒有人給他。「他醒悟過來，就說：『我父親有多少的雇工，口糧有餘，我倒在這裏餓死嗎？我要起來，到我父親那裏去，向他說：父親！我得罪了天，又得罪了你。從今以後，我不配稱為你的兒子，把我當作一個雇工吧！』於是起來，往他父親那裏去。「相離還遠，他父親看見，就動了慈心，跑去抱着他的頸項，連連與他親嘴。兒子說：『父親！我得罪了天，又得罪了你。從今以後，我不配稱為你的兒子。』」父親卻吩咐僕人說：『把那上好的袍子快拿出來給他穿，把戒指戴在他指頭上，把鞋穿在他腳上，把那肥牛犢牽來宰了，我們可以吃喝快樂。因為我這個兒子是死而復活、失而又得的。』他們就快樂起來。

路加福音 15:11-24 (和合本)

「小兒子本質上是說：他想要父親的東西，但不要他父親。他和父親的關係，是達到目的和享受他的財富的手段；但現在他厭倦了這種關係。」

- 提摩太凱勒

我們如何落在「遠方」？

「_____」，然後「突然」

「收穫的法則」：

- 播種_____，收穫甚麼
- 收穫會比播種多
- 先有播種，才有收穫

「逃離上帝，開始感覺自由，卻以徹底的痛苦告終，不在今生、就在來生，或兩者兼有。」

- 約翰派博

「要是我們有一種欲望，這世上的萬事萬物都不能滿足，最適當的解釋，是人乃為另一個世界而造。」

- 魯益師

你對上帝的_____，決定你對上帝的態度

「不是悔改帶來了父愛，而是相反。」

- 提摩太凱勒

四件恩典的禮物：

1. 長袍： 我父遮蓋我的恥辱
2. 戒指： 我父賦予我權力
3. 鞋： 我父把我看為_____ (不是奴隸)
4. 肥牛犢： 我父慶祝我的歸來

下一步：

不斷_____天父

邁出你的下一步



1. 逐漸 2. 甚麼 3. 看法 4. 兒子 5. 奔向