

FAMILY DINNER

PART 3

DINNER WITH DAD

Luke 15:20–24 “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’ “But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.

Ephesians 5:1 Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.

MY GOOD FATHER...

1. NEVER QUITS ON HIS KIDS.

And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming.

1 Corinthians 13:7–8 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

2. IS NOT AFRAID TO SHOW LOVE TO HIS CHILDREN.

...he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.

3. LOVES BEYOND HIS CHILD’S PERFORMANCE.

...‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’

4. CELEBRATES THE GIFT OF HIS CHILDREN.

...Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast...

5. EXTRAVAGANTLY SACRIFICES FOR HIS KIDS.

So the party began.

Ephesians 5:2 Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.