



SERMON NOTES

Father's Day

The Best Father Award

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Luke 15:17-24 (NLT)

17 "When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, 19 and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant."'" 20 "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. 21 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.' 22 "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. 23 And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, 24 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.

MANHOOD

1 Corinthians 13:11 (NKJV)

11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

"You are a male by birth but a man by choice."

—Ben Kinchlow, American Evangelist (1936-2019)

MASCULINITY

1 Kings 2:2 (NIV)

2 "I am about to go the way of all the earth," he said. "So be strong, show yourself a man,

"A woman simply is, but a man must become. Masculinity is risky and elusive. It is achieved by a revolt from woman, and it confirmed only by other men. Manhood coerced into sensitivity is no manhood at all." —Camille Paglia, American feminist (1947—)

A woman can give birth to a boy, but only another man can make him into a man.

- A boy's image of himself cannot be solely derived from his mother. He needs a male influence.
- All boys must go through a rite of passage into manhood, and only other men can help in that process.

THE FATHER

1. FATHERS NEVER LOSE _____

Luke 15:32 (GW)

32 *But we have something to celebrate, something to be happy about. This brother of yours was dead but has come back to life. He was lost but has been found.*"

2. FATHERS HAVE GREAT _____

Luke 15:20 (NLT)

20 "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.

3. FATHERS _____

Luke 15:21-24 (NLT)

21 *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.'* 22 "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. 23 And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, 24 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.

ANSWERS:

1. HOPE
2. VISION
3. FORGIVE