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SERMON OUTLINE -- MARCH 27, 2022

Our Prodigal God

(Luke 15:11-22)

INTRODUCTION: *What does “prodigal” mean??*

I. THE FATHER’S APPROACHABLE LOVE (verses 11-12)

- A. The law of inheritance
- B. The boldness of the son
- C. The approachable father
- D. Why would the son (would you) leave such a father?

II. THE FATHER’S RELEASING LOVE (verses 12-19)

- A. Did the son (do we) know he broke his father’s heart?
- B. Note: he went to the *far country*... where is that?
- C. What is your *far country*?
- D. Who is the younger son in the parable (today)?
- E. He went from feeding pigs to repentance

III. THE FATHER’S RUNNING LOVE (verses 20-22)

- A. Hoooooooooray for verse 20!! (the Father ran)
- B. Aristotle said: “*Great men never run in public.*”
- C. The Father ran to his son... (Romans 5:6-8) God runs to us
- D. The son’s (our) inheritance never runs out: robe, ring, sandals

CONCLUSION: *Come to the celebration!!*