

THE IMPACT OF A FAITHFUL FATHER  
FOUR QUALITIES IN A GREAT DAD  
LUKE 15:11-24



### The Heart of the Matter

Fathers—the men whose indelible fingerprints are all over our lives. If you were blessed to have a dad who was there for you—training, encouraging, loving, affirming, and (when necessary) setting appropriate boundaries while disciplining you, you welcome the opportunity to praise him. You recall the treasure of his investment in your life and the pleasure of all those memories when you were closely connected to his world and were learning about life from his character. On the other hand, if your dad lacked admirable character qualities . . . if your memories are far less than positive, bringing you sadness instead of joy, this is the time for you to let all that go—and forgive him of those many shortcomings. Regardless of your heritage, you'll find some fresh encouragement as we revisit one of the great dads in the Bible.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. Let's Hear It for Fathers

Too often we toast Mom but roast Dad! Let's turn the tide as we look at fathers in our lives and fathers in the Bible.

#### 2. Let's Visit With a Father We've Never Actually Met (Luke 15:11-12)

Meet a father who had great character qualities . . . who handled himself with dignity and wisdom, patience and grace, even when things began to get out of control.

#### 3. Let's Observe How He Treated His Son (Luke 15:13-32)

It's what a father is willing to do for his son that makes the father great.



### Starting Your Journey

Let's answer four very personal questions: Is there a father you need to thank? Is there a son/daughter you need to release? Is there a prodigal you need to forgive/restore? Is there a celebration you need to have?



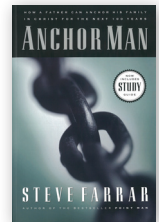
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