

## The Love, Power, and Authority of a Father

### Luke 15:11-32

#### A. Context: Rejoice! The lost are now found!

1. Jesus, the perfect Son, communicated the Father's \_\_\_\_\_ to sinner and "saint" alike.
2. Jesus subtly \_\_\_\_\_ the Pharisees' scorn of the tax collectors and sinners by telling them of the great \_\_\_\_\_ that occurs after true repentance and salvation.

#### B. The love of a godly father is \_\_\_\_\_. v.11-20

1. The younger son greatly \_\_\_\_\_ and hurt his father, but the father yearned for and \_\_\_\_\_ his son with pure love.
2. Our Father showed us \_\_\_\_\_ love, even though we hated Him and lived in opposition to Him; since He loves us that much, we can love those He has \_\_\_\_\_ to us with His love. (Romans 5:8, Ephesians 5:25-33, 1 John 4:9-11)

#### C. A godly father has the \_\_\_\_\_ to offer life to those who are dead and dying. v.21-24

1. The son rightly acknowledged his unworthiness, but the father \_\_\_\_\_ him with great rejoicing. (Leviticus 20:9)
2. Fathers have been given a \_\_\_\_\_ place in their children's lives, though we all have the \_\_\_\_\_ to kill and to raise up. (Proverbs 18:21)
3. If we know the power of \_\_\_\_\_ and we have been given His life, let us use His power to give \_\_\_\_\_ to others. (James 3, 5:19-20, Jude 20-23)

#### D. A godly father has the \_\_\_\_\_ (and responsibility) to train his children in righteousness. v.25-32

1. The older son was indignant and angry because he was \_\_\_\_\_, but the father gently corrected him with humility.
2. The Lord has entrusted fathers with the authority to \_\_\_\_\_ their children in truth and to \_\_\_\_\_ them with His blessings. Let us exercise that authority well and help others \_\_\_\_\_ fatherhood for His glory and our good. (Matthew 7:9-12, Colossians 3:18-21, Ephesians 5:22-6:4)

#### #52 He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought

A. 1-truth in love, 2-rebuked, rejoicing, B.-unconditional, 1-disrespected, loved, 2-perfect, entrusted, C.-power, 1-restored, 2-special ability, 3-Christ, life D.-authority, 1-prideful, 2-guide, bless, support