

# HERITAGE PARK

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ALLIANCE CHURCH

## OUR FATHER

Week 2  
July 18, 2021

### ***Prodigal God\****

*Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. This made the Pharisees complain that He was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them! (Luke 15:1-2)*

*There is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away! (15:7)*

*While (the younger son) 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. We must celebrate with a feast! (15:20, 23)*

*The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him to come. 'Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!'" (15:28, 31-32)*

*\*With thanks to Tim Keller for this title*

### **Reflection Questions**

1. What prompted Jesus to tell the 3 lost & found stories? (Luke 15:1-2) Compare the stories —what does each add to the point Jesus makes?
2. In the story of the father and 2 sons, who does each character represent? (11-32)
3. What knowledge prompted the younger son to return? (17) Do you believe he was fully repentant at this point? (18-19)
4. What do we learn about the father from verses 22-24? What is the significance of the robe, ring, shoes, and calf? What do we learn about the father from verses 28, 31-32? (compare 29-30)

