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SERIES: FAMILY ON PURPOSE
Part 5c: The Extravagant Love of a Father

"Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. [2]This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that He was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them! [3]So Jesus told them this story:... [11b]'A man had two sons. [12]The younger son told his father, "I want my share of your estate now before you die." So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. [13]A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. [14]About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. [15]He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. [16]The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything. [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. [25]Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, [26]and he asked one of the servants what was going on. [27]"Your brother is back," he was told, "and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return." [28]The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him, [29]but he replied, "All these years I've slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. [30]Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!" [31]His father said to him, "Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. [32]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!"'" Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

How to respond to the Father's request that you come to His feast!

I. What is it we all _____?

"We must celebrate with a feast!" Luke 15:23b

A. To _____ to God's

_____ love

"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." Luke 15:20

Notes:

B. _____ that repentance goes beyond our _____ for our individual sins

II. Who is it that we need _____?

A. We _____ our _____ Elder Brother

John 1:1-5, 10-15; Luke 19:10

B. _____ the _____ that our Elder Brother _____ for us

Philippians 2:5-11; Romans 3:21-25b; Romans 6:20-23; Romans 10:9-13; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Hebrews 2:11-18

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