

I. The love of the Father gives us freedom

II. The love of the Father draws us home

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.” (John 6:44)

A. We must wake up to our true condition

B. We remember the love of our Father

“I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.” (Jeremiah 31:3)

C. We choose to change our life direction

“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation.” (2 Corinthians 7:10)

D. We confess our sin

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

E. We place ourselves at God’s mercy

“Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.” (Isaiah 55:7)

III. The love of the Father seeks us

*Picture of father running

IV. The love of the Father welcomes us home

*Picture of father embracing the son

“In order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 2:7)

V. The love of the Father restores us

“Restore us, O Lord God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.” (Psalm 80:19)

A. We are restored to God’s care

B. We are restored to God’s family

C. We are restored to God’s service

VI. The love of the Father celebrates our return

“The Lord your God is with you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.” (Zephaniah 3:17)

VII. The love of the Father expects his children to celebrate the return

- A. We must guard against self-righteousness
- B. We must guard against pride
- C. We must guard against a lack of compassion
- D. We must guard against anger