



## ***“A Good, Good Father”***

Luke 15:11-32 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon  
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***Introduction*** –*In Jesus’ story of the Prodigal son, our attention today will focus on the prodigal’s father.*

### ***I. The Challenges of Being a Father.***

- A. Our children will grow up.
- B. Our children inherit not just our genes.
- C. Every child is different.
- D. Knowing when to let go.
- E. Being a father doesn’t end.

### ***II. The Character of a Father.***

- A. Loving steadfastly.
- B. When to mourn, when to rejoice.
- C. What to do when they fail.

### ***III. A Glimpse of Our Heavenly Father.***

- A. Then context of Luke chapter 15.
  - 1. One lost sheep.
  - 2. One lost coin.
  - 3. One lost person.
  - 4. The resulting joy when they are found.
- B. Our heavenly Father.
  - 1. He gives us freedom to make choices.
  - 2. He waits for us to turn to Him when we fail.
  - 3. He will use our failures to teach us and deepen our relationship with Him.
  - 4. He has compassion on us and does not condemn us when we fail.
  - 5. He rejoices when we repent and return to Him.

***Conclusion.***