



# How Great the Father's Love

Luke 15: 21-24

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1 John 3:11 – For this is the message you have heard from the beginning: **we should love one another.**

1 John 4:19 – We love **because** He first loved us.



# Different types of love

Eros – Love between a husband and wife

Phileo – Brotherly love, love between friends

Storge – Family love

Agape – Unconditional, sacrificial love



# I. The Father's love is great.

1 John 3:1 – Look at **how great a love the Father has given us**, that we should be called God's children. And we are!



## II. The Father's love is sacrificial.

1 John 4:9 – God's love was revealed among us in this way. **God sent His One and Only Son into the world** so that we might live through Him.



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John 3:16 – For **God loved the world** in this way: **He gave His One and Only Son**, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.



### **III. The Father's love is base on who He is not on what we do.**

**Romans 5:8 – But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us!**



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1 John 4:8 – The one who does not love does not know God because **God is love.**

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# The Prodigal Son – The Father’s Love in Action

Luke 15:11-32

v.11-16 – the son’s bad decisions

v.17–19 - repents and returns to father



# The Prodigal Son – The Father’s Love in Action

v.20-24 – the father’s response to the son’s return

v.25-30 - the older brother’s response to his brother’s return

v.31-32 – the father cannot help but rejoice



# Conclusion

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