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Irresistible Love

Luke 15:20-31

4th Awakening: The Awakening to Love

God loves me deeply after all.

It points us to the SOURCE of 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]

His father came out and begged him... [Luke 15:28b]

The main character in the parable: The Father!

The father is the one who initiates love.

In this parable Jesus affirms the truth that God is love.

It helps us understand the DEPTH of his love.

- God's love overcomes our SHAME.

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. [Luke 15:21]

What has the power to force shame out of our lives?

The embrace of grace

- God's love clothes us with a new IDENTITY.

Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. [Luke 15:22]

- The robe was a symbol of rest.
- The ring was a symbol of security.
- The sandals were a symbol of acceptance.

It shows us the COST of his love.

His father said to him, "Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours." [Luke 15:31]

The younger brother showed us how free the father's forgiveness is.

The elder brother shows us how costly the father's forgiveness is.

Point: Forgiveness comes at a price.

Prayer for the Awakening to Love:

God, if you are real, make yourself real to me. Awaken in me the awareness that I am your unconditionally loved child.