



The Lost Among Us (Part 2) Prodigal, Come Home.

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Prodigals Have...

- 1. R_____ against God**
- 2. Run from God**
- 3. A_____ Christian Reminders - Church, Bible, Christians**
- 4. Past R_____ Towards God**
- 5. Past R_____ Towards Others**
- 6. Wasted their Lives on Trivialities**
- 7. Real S_____ - No True Peace, Hope, or Joy**

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Prodigals Have a Heavenly Father Who Is...

- 1. Over Them - Kingly Authority and Power**
- 2. Watching Them - Knows Everything**
- 3. C_____ Towards Them**
- 4. Lovingly Patient With Them**
- 5. Forgiving Towards the R_____**
- 6. Merciful and Gracious**

Luke 15:20–24 “And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.”

2 Peter 3:9 “The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”

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Christians Have a Purpose and a Message

- 1. S_____ to Jesus’ Loving Control**
- 2. Speak Truth to a Deceived World**
- 3. Show Love to the Hateful**
- 4. Share Jesus P_____.**

2 Corinthians 5:14–21 “For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

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