

RECKLESS

Reckless - The Loving Father
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Reckless Love – He (God) is utterly unconcerned with the consequences of His actions with regards to His own safety, comfort and well-being.

- **Cory Asbury**

Jeremiah 1:5 NLT

I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.

Luke 15:1-2 NLT

¹Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. ²This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people - even eating with them!

1. The loving Father recklessly seeks us.

Luke 15:11-13 NLT

¹¹To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: "A man had two sons. ¹²The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. ¹³A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living."

Reckless Love enables Reckless Grace

Luke 15:20-21 NLT

²⁰"So he returned home to his father. 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. ²¹His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.'"

Reckless Love enables Reckless Mercy

2. The loving Father recklessly receives us.

Luke 15:22-24 NLT

²²"But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet.

²³And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast,

²⁴for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began."

Reckless Love enables Reckless Rejoicing

Luke 15:32 NLT

We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!

Luke 15:20a NLT

So he returned home to his father...

Hebrews 4:16 NLT

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

For Further Study:

Luke 15

The Prodigal God by Timothy Keller

The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen

Documentary: The Heart of Man



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