



Devotion 1

Luke 15: 20-24

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

Today's thought from Miranda Warner

The welcome that the father offers the son in this story is generous and extravagant. The younger son sees himself only as worthy of being treated as an employee. The father sees him, first and foremost, as a beloved son, even though he is also a family member who has deeply hurt him. The response of the father is a picture of the love of God for each of us. Our God runs towards us; offering grace, restoration and celebration as we turn towards home. When we receive and belong to this love, we encounter the courage and grace to let it flow through us towards others who have hurt and disappointed us. How does it feel to receive this abundant love from God, who sees your shortcomings clearly, and responds not only with forgiveness but with an embrace, an insistence that you belong, and with joyful celebration?

My Reflections

Lord Jesus, may I be a vessel of God's grace given by the work of your power. To you be glory in my life, in the church and in Christ Jesus, to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (adapted from Ephesians 3: 7, 20)