

If I Could Build A Father...

Luke 15:11-24

We have a "Good, Good Father."

WE can go from Condemned, Fatherless, Orphans with NO Hope...TO Adopted children with Nothing to Fear.

*If I could build a Father, I'd build one just like **GOD!***

If I could build a Father I'd build...

1. **A FATHER WHO GIVES ME FREE WILL. (vv.11-12)**
 - Even when our **Choices HURT US**, the Father I'd build would let me **Make Them ANYWAY**
 - He'd also let me **go my OWN WAY.** (v.13)
 - God **Allows Us** to make the choice of **HIS way** OR our **OWN way.**
 - Our **GOD** is **NOT** a "**Fair-Weather Father.**"
 - The Father I'd build would let me **SUFFER the Consequences** for my Choices. (vv. 14-16)

2. **A FATHER WHO LOVES ME EVEN THROUGH BAD CHOICES.**
 - **Bad Circumstances Turned** the son's heart **Back** to his **Father's house.** (vv. 18-20)
 - To **See the Father,** the son had to **GET OUT** of the pig pen.
 - He **Chose** to be **Filled** with **Repentance** & **Humility** & **Go Back** to his father.

3. **A FATHER WHO IS FORGIVING WHEN I REPENT. (v.20)**
 - **Every day,** the father **Hoped against all hope** he'd see his **prodigal son** coming home.
 - When the father finally saw him, he **RAN** to **FORGIVE** his **Repentant son.**

4. **A FATHER WHO GIVES ME GRACE WHEN I DESERVE JUDGMENT (vv.21-24)**
 - The father I'd build would **always be Focused on where I AM.**
 - Our Father's **Primary Concern** is **Always "How CLOSE are WE to Him?"**
 - **"Are you in the Family? ...Have you been Born Again?"** (John 3:18)
 - **Where do you STAND?**
 - **TO THANK** your **Good, Good Father Sufficiently.** all you must do is **Receive** the Gift of salvation which He has **Provided.**