

MARCH FOR THE FAMILY
HOME IMPROVEMENT WITH TOM ALLEN
Hope for Hurting Parents

Text: Luke 15:11-24

I. THE _____ OF A RUINED RELATIONSHIP

- Emotions of embarrassment, inferiority, incompetence, _____—these feelings overwhelm the parents of prodigals.
- The reality of “hurting parents” balances Proverbs22:6 with a *higher law*—the law of _____.

II. THE _____ WITH A REJECTION RESPONSE

- Rejection is the parent’s way of getting _____.
- A two-fold problem emerges with this response:
 - (1) Rejection is _____-perpetuating;
 - (2) Rejection is UN _____.

III. THE PRINCIPLES FOR A _____ RELATIONSHIP

- Three principles jump out of the story in Luke 15:
 - (1) Unhesitating _____;
 - (2) Unconditional _____;
 - (3) Unlimited _____.
- The father’s “hug and kiss” took place _____
the son even had a chance to confess his sin!
- Parents often make the mistake of drawing up _____ for their forgiveness.

IV. THE _____ OF A RESTORATION RESPONSE

- We can place our _____ in the Lord to bring back the wandering and worldly hearts to Himself.
- Verses of hope and promise:
 - (1) Psalm _____
 - (2) Psalm _____
 - (3) Proverbs _____