

Sermon NOTES



For a Child to Come Home

1. The world trains people to believe that all fulfillment is found in what they _____, what they _____ and how many others tell them that they are _____.
2. ¹¹ And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living (Luke 15:11–13, ESV)
3. God loves your child as much as He loves _____ and _____.
4. John 3:16 (ESV) ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
5. John 17:23 (ESV) ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.
6. God loves your child like He loves _____.
7. God wants your child to come home, _____.
8. Luke 15:10 (ESV) ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."
9. God will not _____ your child's free will.
10. Romans 8:28 (ESV) ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called ac-

cording to his purpose.

11. Pray for God to create the _____ that will bring your child home.
12. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.
13. Pray that your child is _____ in his or her quest to find meaning in the world.
14. Pray that all support from others who will keep him or her from the Lord is _____.
15. Your child must become so _____ in this world that he or she will not return to seeking the world's definition of meaning in life.
16. You want to pray that there will be _____ who will support staying away from the Lord.
17. Luke 15:17 (ESV) ¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!'
18. Pray that your child _____ what he or she was taught.
19. Luke 15:18–19 (ESV) ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.
20. Pray that your child _____ that he or she can come home.
21. Pray for your own _____.
22. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." '
23. Pray for your child to be _____.

24. Repentance is abandoning the _____ of the world to become a _____ for Christ.
25. Philippians 3:4–8 (ESV)⁴ though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.
26. Luke 15:20–24 (ESV)²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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.’ ²² 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. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.
27. Be _____ your child can come home to.
28. You must make a _____ to pray if you want them home.