



Sermon Notes for May 25, 2025

“The Compassionate Father” by Rev. Dr. Bob Lee Part 4 of “Coming Home: A Journey with the Prodigal Son”

A series based upon the Parable of the Prodigal Son from Luke 15:11-32, with reflections on *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen and Rembrandt’s famous painting, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, which he completed in the years prior to his death in 1669.¹



This week, may we sit with these questions as we meditate on Luke 15 and the image of the compassionate father.

1. How am I to let myself be found by God?

Have I been running—whether openly or quietly in my heart?

2. How am I to let myself be known by God?

¹ **Source for painting**—Title: Rembrandt Harmensz. van Rijn: The Return of the Prodigal Son (1668) Author / citation: Ronald Klip, artbible.info. Accessed: <https://www.artbible.info/art/large/370.html>.

Am I willing to be honest, to come home as I am?

3. How am I to let myself be loved by God?

Can I accept that I am worth looking for?