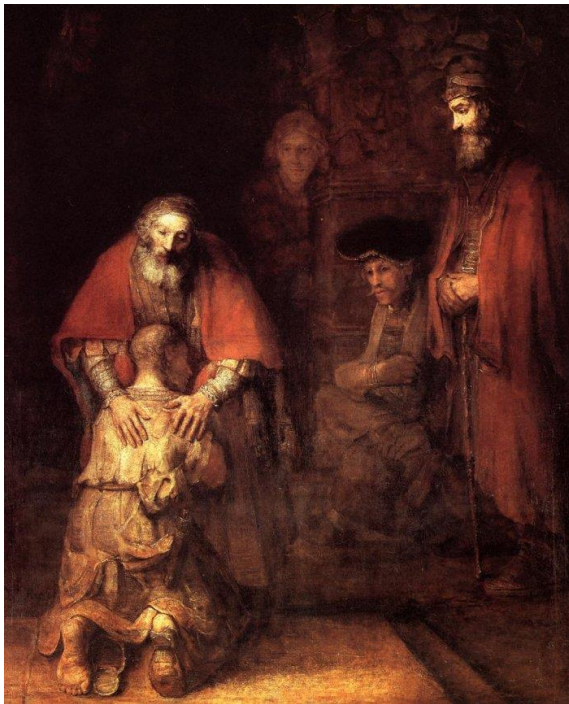




**Sermon Notes for June 1, 2025**  
**“Becoming the Father” by Rev. Dr. Bob Lee**  
**Part 5 of “Coming Home: A Journey with the Prodigal Son”**

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.<sup>1</sup>



**Reflection Questions – Becoming the Father**

*As you reflect on the painting and today’s message, consider:*

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<sup>1</sup> **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>.

**1. What do you notice in the father's expression and posture?**

How do you see *grief*, *forgiveness*, and *generosity* in his embrace?

**2. Where is God calling you to reflect the Father's heart this week?**

To forgive... to welcome... to offer grace?

**3. In your faith journey, who do you most identify with right now—**

the younger son, the elder son, or the compassionate father?

What is God inviting you to become?