

2. Ready yourself for their reevaluation .

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!’” Luke 15:17

What do I do while they are gone?

- Love them with... *calloused knees*
Jeremiah 33:2-3; Matthew 5:44
- Love them with... *attentive eyes and ears*
Luke 15:12, 19
- Love them with... *hopeful hearts*
1 Peter 1:21; Isaiah 41:10

3. Run to meet them .

Luke 15:20-22

What do I do when my prodigal returns?

- *Receive them*
John 13:34; John 15:12; 1 Cor. 13:13
- *Accept them*
Romans 5:5, 8
- *Forgive them*
James 2:13; Matthew 6:14-15; Ephesians 4:32; Col. 3:13



““You will not succeed by your own strength or by your own power, but by my Spirit,” says the Lord All-Powerful.”

Zechariah 4:6

How does a parent with prodigals stay hopeful?

1. Recognize their rebellion .

“The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So, he divided his property between them.” Luke 15:12

Rebellion is... *inevitable and unpredictable*

Romans 3:23; Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6

What do I do when my adult child rebels?

- Let them... *go*
Proverbs 22:6
“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country...” Luke 15:13
- Let them... *make their own mistakes*
Proverbs 20:30
“...and there squandered his wealth in wild living.” Luke 15:13
- Let them... *reap the consequences*
Galatians 6:7
“After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.” Luke 15:14