

# THE LOST ART OF *Waiting*

WAITING FOR THE PRODIGAL

LUKE 15:1-24

APRIL 6

*“So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.”* Luke 15:20

**In the Parable of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin:** \_\_\_\_\_

seems to portray more accurately the \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord wants us to have in relation to reaching the prodigals and lost around us.

Five Ways we can “actively” wait:

1. “Welcome them and eat with them.” (Engage them / Spend time with them / Talk to them)
2. “Go after” them. (Build relationship / Pursue them)
3. Help “carry” them home. (Offer help for their needs)
4. “Light a lamp.” (Let your light shine / God’s Word is a Lamp)
5. “Sweep the house.” (Clean up any mess / Make things right / Repent of bad attitudes or judgmental spirits)

**In the Parable of the Prodigal or Lost Son:**

Jesus gives us a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father for each of his children. He longs for each one of us to come home to him!

The father was \_\_\_\_\_, but also \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*One of the most important things we can do for the prodigals and lost around us is to pray for them, and to share the love of Jesus with them.*

When we repent of sin and come back to the Father, He \_\_\_\_\_ us home as his very own \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”* John 13:14-15