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“So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. Luke 15:20

The God Who Runs

There's only one time in the Scriptures when God is ever portrayed as being in a hurry...and actually running towards someone. It is found in the story of the father of the prodigal son when the broken son is on his way home to propose serving his father as a servant in his household. Instead of waiting to hear his son out, when he sees his son coming down the road, the father immediately

runs towards his son with joy and compassion and a celebration.

I believe this is indicative of God's heart to run towards us in our brokenness when we turn towards Him. As David expresses multiple times in his inspired writings, God is looking for those with a broken heart and a repentant spirit (Psalm 34:18, Psalm 51:17). He runs to the broken and repentant. He rushes to restore them and to rejoice with them.

So for those of us presently in places of sin or compromise, He longs to be gracious and merciful to us when we turn away from our sin and back towards Him. And He tells us to come boldly to Him when in our place of need so that we can His receive mercy and grace (Hebrews 4:16). So if in that place, simply turn again towards Him, repent, make things right with the affected others as much as is possible, hit delete, then get back up and start afresh.

In closing, this is a convicting passage as it relates to our interactions with others. If this is God's heart to run towards the broken and contrite, then we should also be a people running towards the broken as well. Our forgiveness, acceptance, and welcoming restoration of the broken is a sign that we are in line with God's work and nature. I have room for improvement in this area. What about you?

Tomorrow Raymond will share more insights from this wonderful passage. I look forward to discovering more truths from this passage and lining up more fully with God's heart of restoration.