AFATHER'S LOVE

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WARM UP QUESTION: Think about a loving father-figure in your life, either biological or non-biological. In what ways has that that individual made you feel like a son or daughter?

READ: Galatians 4:6-7; Luke 15

FOCUS: We can recognize God as our Father because He provides for us, He pursues us, and He is present with us.

OBSERVE:

- There are two contrasting belief systems: that of a slave and that of a son. A slave is someone who believes they are accepted by God because of what they do. A son is someone who believes they are accepted by God because of His grace.
- God the Father is a faithful pursuer. He pursues us not because we've earned it but because He loves us.
- When the Father pursues us, He doesn't come with empty hands but brings reminders of our identity as His child.
- His provision is not tied to our production but to His person. The Father pursues us and makes His provision present in our lives.

DISCUSS:

- What stood out to you, or what did the Holy Spirit bring to your attention?
- In what ways have you believed the lie of the slave, that you are accepted by God because of what you do?
- What reminders is the Father giving you of your identity as His son or daughter?

TAKE ACTION:

- If you have been trying to earn God's favor through your actions, humble yourself before God and thank Him for accepting you by His grace.
- Write down the ways the Father has reminded you that you are His child.
- Pray and ask the Father how you can emulate his loving presence in the lives of others.

PRAY: Father, thank you for sending Jesus as the provision of Your presence in our lives. Please help us to understand our identify as your children and know your love and, and to extend that love to others. In Jesus' Name, Amen!