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## Isaiah 64:8 (NLT)

<sup>8</sup> And yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the potter. We all are formed by your hand.

## Psalm 36:5-7 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. <sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals. <sup>7</sup> How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

# Father's Love

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Nothing can separate us  
from the love of God.



## Romans 8:38 (NLT)

<sup>38</sup> And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.





Source: @SaddlebackKids on Youtube

2 lies that distance us from God's love:



**I AM TOO BAD**  
FOR GOD TO LOVE



## Luke 15:18-19 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> **I am no longer worthy to be called your son;** make me like one of your hired servants.'



## Luke 15:12 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.'



## Luke 15:13 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.



## Luke 15:17 (NIV)

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## **COMPASSION:**

The emotional response that occurs when you notice suffering, feel empathy for it, and are genuinely motivated to help ease that pain.



## Luke 15:15-16 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.



## Luke 15:22 (NIV)

<sup>22</sup> “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the **best robe** and put it on him. Put **a ring** on his finger and **sandals** on his feet.



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Represent freedom and sonship.



## Luke 15:23-24 (NIV)

<sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.



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## John 3:17 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.



## Psalm 145:8 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.



## 1 John 1:9 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.



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*TRUTH:*

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## Luke 15:28-30 (NIV)

**28** “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. **29** But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.



## Luke 15:28-30 (NIV)

<sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’



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Good behaviour earns approval.





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## Luke 15:1-3 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable:



God's love is given, not earned.



## 1 John 3:1 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!...



## Luke 15:31 (NIV)

<sup>31</sup> “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.’”



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- God **accepts** us when we're serving, leading, and helping out in church, but becomes **distant** when we're not performing.



## John 3:16 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he **gave** his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



## Romans 5:8 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.





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Come home.



You've always been my child.



The Father loves you  
not because of what you've done  
but because you are His child.



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from the love of God.



## Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> ...“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”



## Psalm 23:1 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.



## Romans 6:23 (NIV)

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