

**EXTREME LOVE – PART III**  
**“Life in the Father’s House”**  
**Luke 15:11-32**

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In the parable of the “Lost Sons” there are three characters: the Father, and his two sons that lived with him. This morning I’m going to take you inside the Father’s house and paint a portrait of what life is like living with the Father. The overwhelming characteristic of living in the Father’s house is the reception of his love! In today’s message I will conclude this series by discussing the various dimensions of love that exist in the Father’s house.

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**#1. IN THE FATHER’S HOUSE WE HAVE ACCESS TO ALL HIS \_\_\_\_\_, v. 31**

- A. The Father owns everything, Ps 24
- B. The Father gives us promises in Scripture, 2 Pet 1:3-4
- C. The Father gives us every blessing through Christ, Eph 1:3
- D. The Father gives us an inheritance, 1 Peter 1:3-5, John 14:1-3

**#2. IN THE FATHER’S HOUSE WE HAVE FREEDOM OF \_\_\_\_\_, v. 12**

- A. The Father respects our free will
- B. The Father’s love doesn’t coerce
- C. The Father’s love causes him heartache & pain, Eze 33:11

**#3. IN THE FATHER’S HOUSE WE HAVE \_\_\_\_\_ LIVING, v. 20**

- A. The Father welcomed his son back, v. 20
- B. The Father doesn’t desire that anyone perish, 2 Pet 3:9
- C. The Father’s initiative is to send, seek & save, Luke 19:10
- D. The Father’s house is not a closed community, Mat 28:19-20

**#4. IN THE FATHER’S HOUSE WE HAVE \_\_\_\_\_ LOVE, v. 20, 31**

- A. The Father loved both sons equally
- B. God accepts you just as you are
- C. God has no favorites in his house, Deu 10:17
- D. God’s love surpasses knowledge, Eph 3:17-20, Ps 103:11

**#5. IN THE FATHER’S HOUSE WE HAVE \_\_\_\_\_, v. 32**

- A. Celebrate when a sinner repents, Lk 15:7, 10, 22-24, 32
- B. Celebrate our adoption, Ro 8:15-16
- C. Celebrate our family relationships, Ro 8:15-16
- D. Celebrate our inheritance, v. 22
- E. Celebrate God’s work in our lives, Psalm 40:9-10

**#6. IN THE FATHER’S HOUSE WE HAVE \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIPS, v. 30**

- A. The two brothers had a strained relationship
- B. We are all imperfect people
- C. There will be conflict to deal with in any church, Mat 18:15f

**#7. IN THE FATHER’S HOUSE WE ARE \_\_\_\_\_ INTO SPIRITUAL MOTHERS AND FATHERS, v. 32**

- A. We are on a journey to adulthood, 1 Jn 2:12-14
- B. We follow Jesus’ example, John 14:8-9
- C. We are to emulate Father God, Mat 5:48
- D. We are to become a father to others, Ps 68:5, 1 Cor 4:15

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**NOTES:**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Identify the resources that are available to believers in God's house.
- #2. Explain why God respects our freewill and allows us to make bad choices like the younger son in the parable.
- #3. Explain how life in the Father's house should be purposeful?
- #4. Why is it that some churches become inbred and develop a fortress mentality?
- #5. Explain the dynamics of God's unconditional love?
- #6. What are the things that we celebrate in the Father's house?
- #7. How do we deal with the messy aspect of church relationships?
- #8. Explain how life in the Father's house is a journey of transformation?
- #9. In what ways can we become a spiritual father or mother to someone else?
- #10. What is your takeaway from this passage?

*Welcome*

*to*

*Hillcrest Church*

*Memorial Day*

*Remembering the Cost*  
*of Our Freedom!*

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people he chose for his inheritance.*

*Psalm 33:12*

*May 28, 2023*

*Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TODAY**

Pastor Bruce is concluding his series titled “Extreme Love” based on the parable of the prodigal son. This teaching gives us insights into the depth of God’s love.

### **AFTER ACTION REVIEW – EAST INDIAN DINNER**

After today’s service we will have a brief meeting to gather feedback about the EID. We will identify the things done well and discuss the things that could be improved for next year. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **MEMORIAL DAY**

We are mindful of the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice serving in the armed forces. Our freedom comes at a cost and this weekend we honor our fallen heroes. God bless America.

### **NEXT SUNDAY CHURCH AT GARBOLINO PARK AT 10:30**

Bring a chair, blanket, and a dish to share. If you bring beverages please bring cans. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments and utensils.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS**

Join us as we visit our neighbors and invite people to church. The next date is Thursday, June 1. Meet at church at 6pm and we will go out from there.

### **NEWLY APPOINTED ELDERS**

The Ministry Stewards Team of Hillcrest church is pleased to announce the appointment of Paul Milton and Jeff McAuliffe to the office of elder. Paul is the outreach director and Jeff is an elder at large assisting in pastoral care.

### **ONLINE GATHERINGS**

The Prayer Meeting: Tuesday at 7pm with Pastor Tim Brooks

The Bible study: Wednesday at 6:30 – 7:45pm. Go to the online meeting room on our website ([hillcrestRoseville.com](http://hillcrestRoseville.com)) to access either gathering.

## **PROJECT “ROOF 23”**

Hillcrest church needs a new roof! The cost is about 45K depending on how much dry rot is discovered once the shingles are removed. We need everyone’s help in paying for this project. Prayerfully consider making your donations to the “building fund.” The roof project begins June 26.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online ([hillcrestroseville.com](http://hillcrestroseville.com)).

### **EAST INDIAN DINNER TOTALS**

- ♣ **2022 East Indian Dinner raised over \$10,000**
- ♣ **2023 East Indian Dinner raised over \$11,00 and counting**

### **CHURCH PICNIC – AUGUST 13, 2023**