

Sunday Message: April 4, 2021  
Easter, Luke 15:11-32  
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## Reflection Questions

**1** On Sunday, Pastor Danny asked an important question: “What do you think comes to God’s mind when He thinks about you?” Reflect on that question for a moment. How would you answer that question honestly?

**2** How does your answer line up with what the Bible actually says about what God thinks of you? Pick a passage or two to reflect on as you consider this question:  
Gen. 1:27; Ps. 139:13-18; 2 Cor. 5:17-21; Gal. 2:20; Rom. 8:1-17.

**3** How would believing God’s actual view of you in Christ change your life?

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*The primary translation used on Sunday mornings is the ESV. The corresponding notes in the ESV Study Bible are helpful when reflecting on the questions below.*

## Text Exploration Questions

**Read Luke 15:11-32 again. Take notes and discuss using the questions below.**

- How do you respond to the following statement: “With the Father, we are never the initiator, rather we are always the receiver and responder.” Agree or disagree? How might your agreement or disagreement impact the way you view God’s grace?
- While it is appropriate to ask whether we can relate to the younger brother or the older brother, Danny is correct in noting that we often miss the grace of the Father toward both the repentant rebel and the prideful follower. Why is this often missed?

**Read Romans 8:34-39. Take notes and discuss using the questions below.**

- At the conclusion of Sunday’s sermon Pastor Danny suggested that Easter isn’t about the empty tomb – it’s about God in the flesh. What point was Danny trying to make?
- In what ways does this passage promote assurance for the follower of Jesus? List the ways that Christ/God has secured our position through Christ.
- Related to the question above, how does this passage declare the gospel and the glory of God?
- According to 8:38-39, how does Paul answer the question he asked in 8:35, “who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”
- Spend some time praying. Thank God for what Christ has done for you and His church. Use phrases and language from Romans 8:34-39 as you pray.