



THE DAY DAD... RAN!

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3. What is one way a father reflects God's nature? A By being strong and silent B By providing protection and guidance C By demanding respect	4. What is a gift every father would want, especially a Godly one? A A new fishing pole B A child who walks in truth & honesty C A day to sleep in

1. When Love Won't Let Go – A Father Who Knows

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with Compassion; he ran to his son. Luke 15:20
This father's love never faded or failed, though his son took off and continued life derailed.

2. Forgive and Embrace – Not Shame or Disgrace

The father gave grace that the son didn't deserve.
No lecture, no list of everything wrong.

Just open arms and a welcome song - and kissed him. v20

3. Two Sons, One Love – Wisdom from Above

One son strayed, one stayed behind,
He met each son in a personal way, v29

4. A Father Like No Other – The Heart of the Father

This parable points beyond the man - to God, who holds us in His hand.
No matter how far we fall or roam, he's always ready to bring us home.

Father's Day isn't about earthly dads - it's about our Heavenly Father, who sets the standard for patience, mercy, and unconditional love.

5. The Older One, His Joy Was None

"He was angry and refused to go in..." Luke 15:28

But not all hearts were filled with glee. The older son said, "What about me?"
"I've served, obeyed, done what is right— no party came for me tonight!"

He couldn't see, in spite of grace,
He'd always held the favored place.

6. One House, Two Hearts – But Love Never Parts

"You are always with me, and all I have is yours..." Luke 15:31

The father said with a gentle tone, "My son, you've never been alone.
But now your brother's come back near — Let's celebrate!
For newfound joy has come here!

7. Our Father's View – A Love That's Truth

"My son, the father said, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.
Our God, like this kind, gracious dad,
Forgives the worst we've ever had.

So whether you've run or tried to earn,
He longs for you—just come, return.



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