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In Luke 15 Jesus tells us about three lost things - a lost sheep, a lost coin and a lost son. The Shepherd went to find the one lost sheep. The woman searched for the lost coin. The father went to meet the lost son when he came home.

The thing I want to show is what the father did when the prodigal son came home. He did not throw rocks at him. He did not say I don't want anything to do with you. No, the Bible says in Luke 15:20 that when the father saw him, he had compassion and ran and fell on his neck, and kissed him. My word to you as you read this no matter who you are, no matter what you have done, no matter how far you are away from God, if you will come to the Father, He loves you and He will receive you.

I want to show you five things the Father did for the Prodigal Son when he came home. These are the same five things He will do for us when we come back to our Heavenly Father.

Number one, he gave him a Covering. He said bring forth the best robe. This was the father's robe. This is a picture of the robes of righteousness we are given when we trust Christ to save us. That boy did not deserve that robe! I didn't deserve my robe of salvation. You did not deserve your robe of salvation. But, don't you thank God for that robe of righteousness!!

Number two, he gave him a Covenant. He put a ring on his hand. He brought him into a family covenant. We are in God's family forever!!

Number three, he gave him a Course. He put shoes on his feet. The Bible says in Romans 10:15, "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Then the Bible says in Ephesians 6:15 "And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace."

Number four, he gave a Celebration. The father said bring the fatted calf. There were going to rejoice over that boy coming back home.

Number five, the best thing is the Claiming. He claimed him as his son. Luke 15:24 "For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry." Oh what a privilege, what a blessing to be a son, to be a daughter, to be a child of God!!

So if you are away from God, in the far country, come back home!! The Father will receive you!!

Praise God for His Blessings!

These last few weeks have been some special times in the meetings I have been in. I have seen several hundred people come to Christ in Salvation. **Thank you** for being a part of all that God is doing by your prayers and support.

Schedule:

Sept 4	Faithway Baptist Church	Knoxville TN	Oct 2-6	Carrollton Crusade	Carrollton MS
Sept 11-15	Jefferson County Crusade	Jefferson TN	Oct 9 AM	Trinity Baptist Church	Augusta GA
Sept 17	Clearwater Baptist Church	Athens TN	Oct 9-12	Blue Springs Baptist Church	Rutledge TN
Sept 18-21	Southside Baptist Church	Dothan AL	Oct 16-19	Long Heights Baptist Church Bible Conference	McKenzie TN
Sept 25-28	Freedom Baptist Church Crusade	Ranburne AL	Oct 23-25	Temple Baptist Church Upstate Bible Conference	Simpsonville SC
			Oct 30 AM	Fairview Baptist Church	Corryton TN