

The Divine Welcome#1

# “The Welcoming God”

Luke 15:11-32

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Lost?

In the toy department ...

Desperately lost ...

## 1. The Welcoming Father – Luke 15

**3 stories of lost-ness**

**3 stories of searching**

Insulted yet gentle

Patient, longing, expectant, waiting

Running & embracing

Generous & forgiving

Joyful & celebrating

Has he always been like this?

Does He welcome anyone? everyone? from anywhere?

## 2. The God of the OT

Gen 3:15 - the seed = the promised one

Gen 12:3 – the promise to Abram - blessing for all nations

Moses

Exodus 9:16,20 “But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” ... “Those officials of Pharaoh who feared the word of the Lord hurried to bring their slaves and livestock inside.”

Ruth

Jonah

Obadiah

Isaiah – Isa 42:6 “a light for the Gentiles”

## 3. The God of the NT

Cornelius – Acts 10

“Then Peter began to speak;

‘I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts those from every nation who fear him and do what is right.’ ...

‘All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name’.” Acts 10:34-35 & 43

**The Welcoming God is still longing, waiting  
watching, forgiving, embracing ...**