



RECONCILIATION IS THE SACRAMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

God loves us always. In the parable of the prodigal son, Jesus teaches that God wants to forgive both sinners and self-righteous people. The focus of this story is the longsuffering father, who continues to love both sons as they dishonor him. The father, seeing his son in the distance, runs out to meet him with an embrace and a kiss. Through one loving gesture, the father forgives the son. The son need not beg for forgiveness, he has been forgiven.

It is a beautiful story of God's love and determination to see the lost return to him. When we sin we move away from God, but he always wants us to come back; God will always forgive us when we are truly sorry and God wants us to be willing to forgive others who hurt us, as well. **God's forgiveness, like God's love, doesn't stop.**

5 STEPS TO A GOOD CONFESSION

