

RENEW

Wholehearted Prayer — Part 1
Matthew 6:5-14

Mark 1:35

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark,
Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a
solitary place, where he prayed.

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“[Our adoption is] the highest privilege that the Gospel offers: higher even than justification.” How can this be?

“Adoption is a family idea, conceived in terms of love, and viewing God as father. In adoption, God takes us into His family and fellowship, and establishes us as His children and heirs. Closeness, affection and generosity are at the heart of the relationship. To be right with God the judge is a great thing (justification), but to be loved and cared for by God the father is greater.”

--Packer, Knowing God, 186, 187

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Luke 15:18-24

I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

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“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

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- Jesus radically redefines our relationship with God.
- Fatherhood of God changes how I relate to Him.
- Fatherhood of God changes how I relate to and pray for others.

My Father Is God

- Begins with how I think about God.
- Shapes how I feel about God.