

Six Part Sermon Series on
Spiritual Healing

A painting depicting a scene with three figures. On the left, a man with a long white beard and a red cloak is kneeling and holding a young child. In the center, a man with a dark hat and a dark robe is sitting on the ground, looking down. On the right, a man with a long white beard and a red cloak is standing, holding a staff. The background is dark and indistinct.

Part 2

Surrender to Love

Luke 15:1-32

Is it possible to have a personal relationship with God?

YES

No



**Within this
relationship
how does God
respond to our
sins?**



The Prodigal Son



**With Whom do you best relate
in the story of the prodigal?**

**The
Younger
Son?**

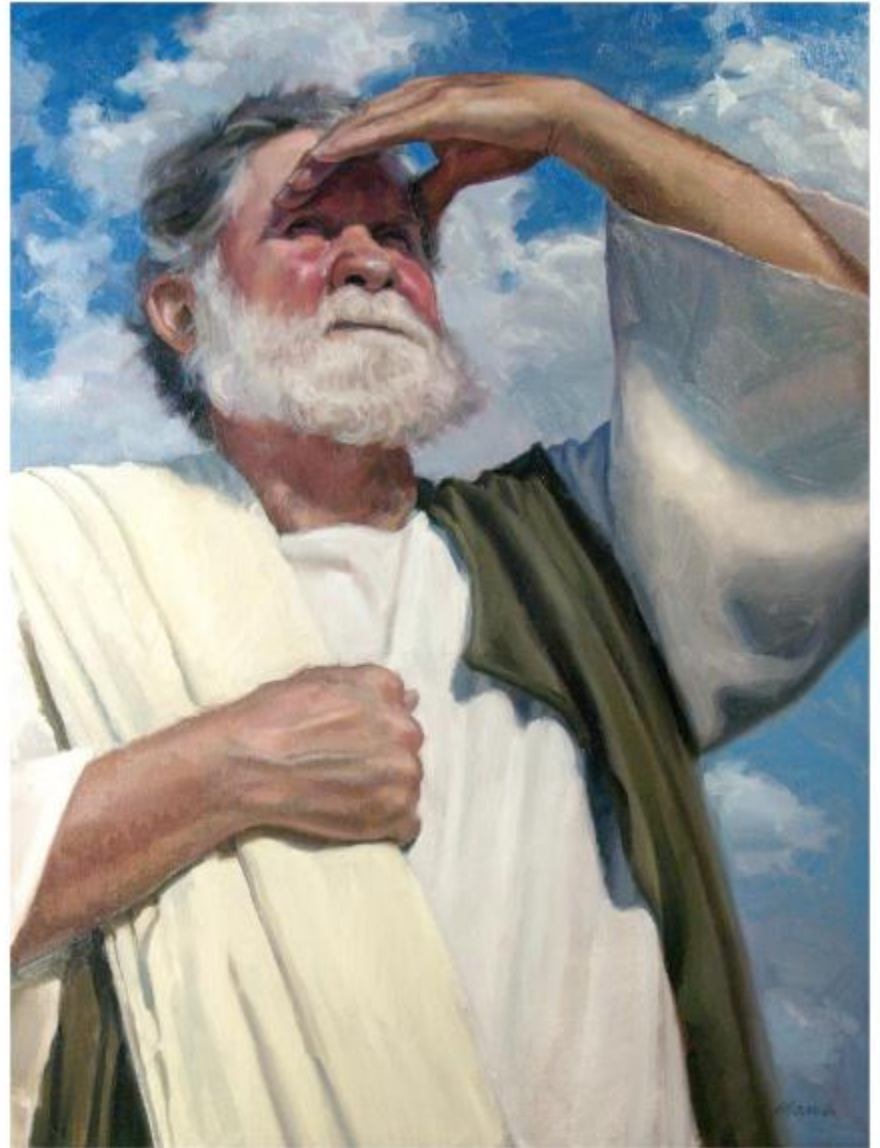


**Or,
The Older
Son?**



It doesn't make any difference. The story is not primarily about the two sons. The story is about the Father. It's about how the Father responds to his sinning sons and how the Father wants them to live with him, and with one another. The Father wants them to surrender to love

**The primary
character in
the story is the
Father**



**The Father is inviting us all to join
in and celebrate our salvation and
to celebrate God's healing
Presence as we surrender to God's
lavish love.**

**The Christian God doesn't turn away
from sinners in disgust but moves
toward us, bringing us his redemptive
presence.**

David Benner, Surrender to Love, p. 18

**A fancy way of saying that
God sees our sin and wants
to heal us.**

**Why Does The
Father React
This Way?**

By offering unconditional love, God makes it possible for us , of our own free will to surrender to that love. When we surrender to that love two things happen.

- 1. Healing happens. Peace, joy, love.**
- 2. We learn how to love others in the name of God so that they may surrender to God's love as well.**

We become like the Father



**Lord
Jesus,
Heal Us
We Pray**