PRODIGAL WHICH ROAD ARE YOU ON?



what does it look like to love?

Celebrating when lost things are found!





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Are you needing a party?
Are you a party thrower?
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14 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

14 And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

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...celebrating when lost people are found! Love is...

...celebrating when dead people are made alive!

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Are you willing to... Suffer His

Kindness?

So...therefore...what now?

In spite of the disrespect and contempt we have for God He retains a heart of compassion and patience, waiting for us to come to the end of ourselves, and then graciously throws a party to celebrate our return.

That's what we call "the gospel"!

