

**STILL
A LONG
WAY OFF**





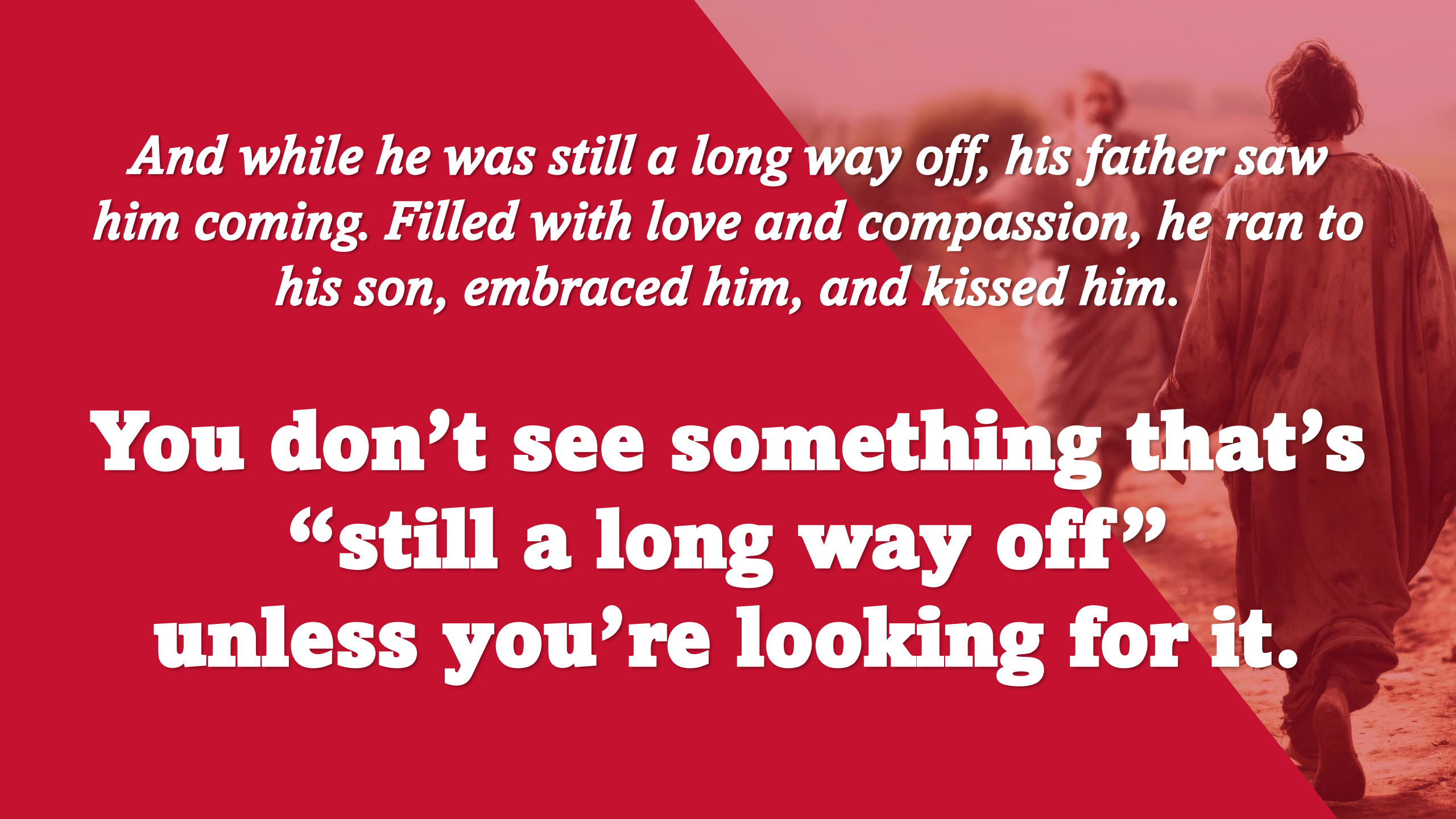
parable of the
Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32



We could talk about how...

- **Entitlement Leads To Rebellion**
- **Repentance Begins With Recognition**
- **Our Performance Doesn't Define Us**
- **Self-Righteousness Is Dangerous**



And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.

**You don't see something that's
"still a long way off"
unless you're looking for it.**



God will never stop looking for you.

HOPE

If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.

- Romans 8:24-25



When He sees you, He'll run to you.

FAITH

Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

- Hebrews 11:1



When He gets to you, He'll hug you.

LOVE

...love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

- 1 John 4:7-8



Three things will last forever – faith, hope, and love – and the greatest of these is love.

- 1 Corinthians 13:13

**God unconditionally extends
his eternal nature towards
every single one of us.**

**God doesn't need us as
a lookout partner,
but He invites the church
to keep our gaze upon
the horizon...**





**“still a long way off”
is about recognition and redemption**

“There is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!”

- Luke 15:7

**God will never
stop watching for
you to come back...**

**Today could be
that day.**

