



# Lessons From The Prodigal

*Sunday Morning Message (June 17, 2012)*

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Text: Luke 15:11-32

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (July 17-20)

6-8:30 PM each night

Introduction: Over the next few days we are going to be studying several great lessons from the Bible that revolve around characters like Shadrach, Meshach, Abed-Nego, Esther, Mary, and Martha. We are talking about how to stay on the right track in a troubled world. I very excited about this year's theme and the topics we will be studying: **All Aboard the Kingdom Express** and making our way to **Salvation Station**. This being Father's day, I thought it would be good for us to look through the eyes of a Father that wanted his family to stay on the right track. Let's open our Bibles and study together.....

## Discussion:

### **I. Characteristics of a Prodigal World**

- A. Statistics
- B. Stability

### **II. Characteristics of the Prodigal Son**

- A. Self-absorbed & Short-sighted
- B. Submission & Surrender

### **III. Characteristics of the Prodigal Father**

- A. Self-absorbed & Short-sighted
- B. Submission & Surrender

### **IV. Characteristics of a Loving Father**

- F = Forgiving
- A = Available
- T = Teaching
- H = Honor
- E = Expressive
- R = Respectful



Conclusion: The statistics I shared earlier are just statistics. We do not have to be statistics. You can start right where you are today and build a strong relationship with your children. All of us need to get closer to our Heavenly Father to learn the way to stay on track! We need to find our way to "Salvation Station" so we can get aboard God's "Kingdom Express." Are you ready?

**WORD OF THE DAY = "FATHER"**