

## **The Waiting Father**

**Jesus often used the idea of an earthly father to teach us about God---our Heavenly Father. Ref: Luke 11;1,2**

**Jesus understood man's sinful nature. Ref: Luke 11;13**

**The parable of the Lost Son is set in the context of a loving, forgiving, reconciling Heavenly Father. Ref: Luke 15:11-31**

**The Lost Son is salvations story!**

**Jesus in the story, used the example of a perfect father, to teach us words we can say to our children that help us build lifetime relationships.**

## **Four Things That Have Four Words**

**#1 You Are \_\_\_\_\_**

**The child needs rules, boundaries, examples, and love. Most children will grow and live happily, assuming basic needs, boundaries, role models, and love are in place.**

**#2 I \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Many things bond you to your children, but the main adhesive in the bonding process is love.**

**A child deprived of love, no matter what else is given is a damaged child, many times carries into adulthood. Ref: Luke 11;13 NLT**

**True love should be without interruption.**

**Our ego and our pride can become barriers to love.**

**#3 All Is \_\_\_\_\_**

**In relationships you need starting over words.**

**Deal with issues before it's too late.**

**In the text it's the father's love that made forgiveness possible, and the son's repentance and change of heart that made it actual.**

**Jesus told this story for a reason. He was teaching us of how when we come back to God we will hear the words: You Are Forgiven.**

**#4 I Enjoy You**

**The story of the lost son began with estrangement, but how did it end? -----**