

**Title:** Party Time  
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**a: Positive expectation**

**Luke 15:20a**

<sup>20</sup>"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him...

**Romans 5:6-8**

<sup>6</sup>For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Romans 8:28**

<sup>28</sup>And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

**b: Passionate love**

**Luke 15:20b-21**

<sup>20</sup>...and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

**Ephesians 2:4-5**

<sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ

**1 Peter 4:8**

<sup>8</sup>And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

**c: Seeing the true character**

**Luke 15:22**

<sup>22</sup>"But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.

**Isaiah 61:10**

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

**Matthew 16:17-18**

<sup>17</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

**d: A great celebration**

**Luke 15:23-24**

<sup>23</sup>And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; <sup>24</sup>for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

**Luke 15:7**

<sup>7</sup>I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

### **Revelation 19:6-9**

<sup>6</sup>And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! <sup>7</sup>Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." <sup>8</sup>And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' " And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

### **e:The far-reaching effect**

#### **Luke 15:25-26**

<sup>25</sup>"Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

#### **Nehemiah 12:27,43**

<sup>27</sup>Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings and singing, with cymbals and stringed instruments and harps.

<sup>43</sup>Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and the children also rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard afar off.

### **f: The key**

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

<sup>18</sup> ...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.