Target: It's never too late to come back home! The steps to a new beginning require bravery and boldness in accepting fault, but choosing to advance forward...1...Step...at...a...Time.!

While you are doing this, know that your heavenly Father is:

I. **The Father Initiates:** “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion and ran” (Vs. 20)

   a. **Saw Him:** Never stopped Looking
   b. **Felt for Him:** Never stopped Loving
   c. **Ran to Him:** Never stopped Leading.

II. **The Father Intercedes:** “embraced him and kissed him” (Vs. 20)

   a. **With Protection:** “Embraced” was to shield. (Duet. 21:18-21)
   b. **With Affection:** “Kissed” was to demonstrate acceptance.

III. **The Father Interrupts:** And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. But the father said to his servants (Vs. 21-22)

   a. **Recognizes Repentance:** ‘Father, I have sinned (Vs. 21)
      i. Invisible Authority: “against heaven”
      ii. Visible Authority: “before you”

   Key Concept: The younger son's language shifted from “Give me” to “Make me”!

   b. **Reveals Restoration:** “But the father said to his SERVANTS” (Vs. 22)
      i. **No Preconditions:** Love was not withheld until...
      ii. **No Probations:** Grace was not withheld until...

   Key Concept: There is a tremendous implication for both our homes and this Church, which is you don’t work for acceptance in family.

IV. **The Father Imparts:** Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. (Vs. 22)

   a. **Robe:** Practical: Standing  
      Spiritual: Righteousness in Christ
   b. **Ring:** Practical: Significance  
      Spiritual: Riches in Christ
   c. **Sandals:** Practical: Status  
      Spiritual: Reward in Christ

V. **The Father Invests:** “Bring quickly...And Bring” (Vs.22-23)
a. **In a Feast:** “And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat” (Vs. 23)
b. **In a Festivity:** “And celebrate” (Vs. 23)
c. **In a Freedom:** “For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.” (Vs. 24)

**Take Away:** “Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Luke 15:10