

M4+ Podcast
MADE FOR BEING FOUND
Study Guide

BIBLE VERSE

Luke 15:20 (NIV)

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. When you imagine God looking at your life right now, what expression do you see on His face? One of disappointment, or one of compassion? Where did that picture of God come from?
2. Damian says that we only feel distant from God depending on how we see Him. If you truly believed God was your loving Father instead of a distant judge, what would change about the way you pray, confess, or approach Him?
3. Think about your conversations with God. Damian reminds us that David brought every emotion before God, trusting that the relationship was strong enough for honesty. Are they honest enough? What emotions, questions, disappointments, or doubts have you been filtering because you think God wouldn't want to hear them?

AN UNCOMFORTABLE QUESTION

If someone listened to your prayers without knowing your theology, would they conclude that you are talking to a loving Father... or simply trying to avoid disappointing a strict judge?

CHALLENGE

This week, take a 20-minute walk with no music and no distractions.

Talk to God exactly as you are. Don't edit yourself. Tell Him what excites you, what frustrates you, what you're afraid of, what you're angry about, and what you're struggling to believe. If you have questions, ask them. If you're disappointed, say so.

Then finish your walk by asking one simple question:

"Father, what do You want me to know about You today?"

Write down whatever comes to your mind as you continue walking. Then share your journey with one trusted friend who loves Jesus and invite them to walk with you spiritually this week.

PRAYER

Father,

Thank You that You never stop looking for Your children.

When I wander, remind me that I am not forgotten.

When I fail, remind me that I am still loved.

When I feel distant, help me remember that You have never moved away from me.

Teach me to speak with You honestly, without pretending to be stronger, happier, or more spiritual than I really am.

Give me the courage to trust Your heart more than my feelings, and help me discover again the joy of being found by a Father who never gives up on His children.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.