



John 14:2-4

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

In My Father's House

I wonder what must have been going through the prodigal son's mind. Everything that he could ever need and even possibly desire was there inside his father's house. Inside the father's house was safety, food, clothing, money, security, and the love of a generous and gracious father. And yet, that wasn't enough for him. He still had an unyielding hunger for a life outside of his father's house. The imaging's of life out on his own, doing things his way and on his own terms was too great a temptation for him to stand. So he demanded his inheritance and abandoned his father with not even so much as a glance back.

I'm sure the father died inside the day his son left home. He had every right to be angry at his foolish child, but his love and sorrow heavily outweighed any resentment.

On the day the prodigal son shamefully dragged himself back home, there stood his father in the distance. The same exact place he was the day the son packed his bags and left. This time the boy was empty handed and had nothing to show for what he had made of himself.

Yet the father ran to him. Not caring that his son was filthy and reeked of grubby swine, he embraced his lost child and kissed him on the neck,

welcoming him back home. What a silly child this prodigal son was. But honestly, we are guilty of the same. Everything that we could ever need and even possibly desire is inside the Father's house. Yet, we have foolish ambitions of trying life on our own and doing things our own way. But God patiently waits for us to come crawling back. Not with anger or plans to punish us for our foolhardiness, but runs out and takes us up in His arms and welcomes us home. If there is something that you are trying to take care of on your own, just bring it to the Father. He loves you and has everything that you could ever need or want.