

Dear     (First Name)    ,

Grace and I want to thank you for the generous gift of     \$ amount     that you sowed into our ministry. Lives are being touched and transformed around the world because of your faithfulness!

Friend, you are on my heart. . .Are you struggling with emotional pain, addictions, frustrations, anger, fear, relationship or other issues of life? Have your dreams been broken, shattered, dashed to the ground? Have you experienced a broken heart because of betrayal, rejection, defeat or failure?

The Holy Spirit wants to heal you of all these things by introducing you to a loving relationship with God as your Father. The love of God, our Father, is what heals our hearts. His love fills the cracks in our hearts and heals the brokenness in our lives.

The Bible has a lot to say about fathers. One such story in Luke 15:11-24 tells us about a wealthy father, who had two sons. One day, the younger son asked for his inheritance from his father, who then gave him his portion. This son went off to a far country and wasted his inheritance on riotous living. A famine came upon the land. The son had no food to eat, so he decided to go back home. He planned to humble himself and ask his father to hire him as a servant. Verses 18-19 (NLT) describe his thoughts: *I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant."*

But, what was his father's response? Look at verses 20-24 (NLT): *"So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.' "But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast. . ."*

What I love about our Heavenly Father is that when we start beating ourselves up, He interrupts us. "Stop!" the Father says. "Enough of that!" Like the father in this story, our Father gives us His best! The prodigal's father called for a celebration because his son who was lost had returned home. This is what the Christian life is supposed to be – a celebration! When you know God as Father, you can celebrate through life! Is there work to do? Are there challenges? Yes, but when you know God as your Father, you can celebrate in the midst of your challenges . . .your pain. . .and your circumstances.

My prayer for you is that as you draw close to God and truly know Him as Father, the fractures in your heart and soul that came from your upbringing or the struggles of life will be healed and made whole.

Matthew 10:8 says: *Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.* Father God has given His best – salvation, healing, provision – to you. Please take this opportunity to give back to the Father as He has given to you. Serve Him with your time, your talents and your treasure by filling out the attached form and mailing it in the enclosed envelope with your best gift today!

God promises to bless those who give. I agree in prayer with you now for increase and financial breakthrough as you sow into God's work.

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