



Four Gospel Passages

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Rembrandt's Eyes



The Disobedient Son

“If someone has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey his father and mother, who does not heed them when they discipline him, ¹⁹ then (they) shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his town at the gate of that place. ²⁰ They shall say to the elders... ‘This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious. He will not obey us’.... ²¹ Then all the men of the town shall stone him to death. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel will hear and be afraid.

Deuteronomy 21:18-21





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The parable of the prodigal son is a story that speaks about a love that existed before any rejection was possible and that will still be there after all rejections have taken place. It is the first and everlasting love of a God who is Father as well as Mother. It is the fountain of all true human love....

Prodigal Son (p. 108)





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