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son, having been provided for by his father all through his growing years, had a deep yearning to explore the world. As he graduated from the university, his desire was to start a business. He did not want to be employed or go through any training.

So, his father asked him what he wanted to do.
"I will go to China. I hear things are good there.
I will buy goods and export to Nigeria".

"But, I do not have such money for this venture" said the father.

"Don't worry Dad, the land you bequeathed to me as my inheritance will be used. I will sell it. When I come back, I will buy a house with my earnings"

The father was uncomfortable with this. "I don't think it's a good idea. Why not leave it, so you have something here to fall back on"

"Don't worry Dad, I will surely make it there". So, the son sells the land, leaves home with all his funds and went off to explore China. He landed safely, booked a hotel for the first three months, then later got a house, a car, and spent all his money on unhealthy living. He did not find any business that interested him.

After three years, the father no longer heard from him. He was now living in poverty and ashamed to come home. Finding nothing worthwhile to do, he began selling hard drugs.

Alas! One day he got caught and faced the death penalty. However, God was merciful, and he instead got deported, and sent straight to prison on arrival

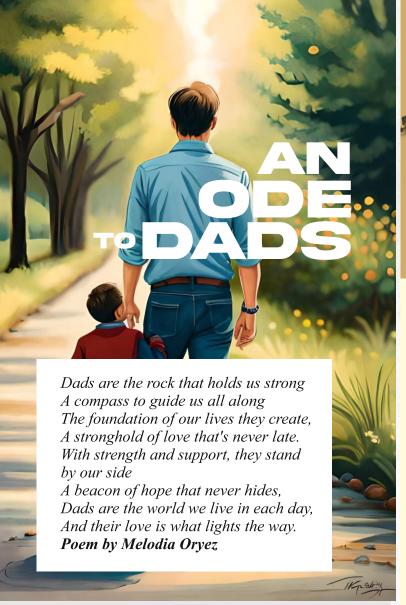
He came back with nothing. Everything gone.

The father got to know, and went in search of his son. Both wept bitterly and held each other, the son apologizing profusely. He paid heavily to get him freed, and brought him back home.

His other siblings wanted nothing of such: he was an embarrassment to them. But not his father! He brought him back and threw a lavish party for his prodigal son, returned home.

A father's love is not bound by his son's achievements. It has no barrier
Adapted from Luke 15:11-32





Snippets from last Sunday's Service Topic: This Fall is Not Final Scripture: Matthew 26:31, 69-75

- 1. God does not define you by your mistakes. People do
- 2. God has not repented concerning his purpose for your life. Your fall can not stop the plan of God for your life
- 3. Your fall is part of your wilderness experience

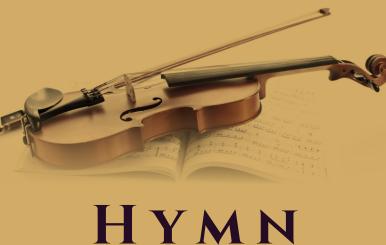












How deep the Father's love for us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss

The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

SERVICE DAYS:

SUNDAYS: TUESDAYS: 9AM-11:30AM 5.30PM-7:30PM.

FREE TRANSPORT ROUTES

TUESDAYS:

Route 1: Church - Eleyele- Apete

Route 2: Church - Dugbe - Mokola - Sango - Ul

SUNDAYS:

Route 1: Apete (from H SQUARE PHARMACY

Time.7.45am.) - ELEYELE - Church

Route 2: From UI Gate 7:45am

SANGO - MOKOLA - DUGBE - CHURCH