



Message "The Prodigal Prophet" March 22, 2020

1. **God's** _____ – *God allows for His children to wander away, walk away, and run away.*

Jonah 1:1-3

1 The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: 2 "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." 3 But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish.

Psalms 147:5

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit.

GOD UNDERSTANDS. HE NOT ONLY UNDERSTANDS THE HEART
 OF THE _____
 HE UNDERSTANDS THE HEART OF THE _____.

2 Peter 3:9

He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2. **God's** _____ – *He not only knows where the prodigal is, but He also seeks out the one He loves.*

3. **God's** _____ – *He is sovereignly in control of all things, ordaining events and circumstances in order to draw prodigals back to Himself.*

_____ IS THE FLAG THAT REALITY
 PLANTS IN THE CASTLE OF THE PRODIGAL'S HEART.

4. **God's** _____ – *There's a sequence of events and unfolding of time that is required for the prodigal to return.*

Jonah 1:4 Then the LORD sent a great wind...

Jonah 1:7 Then the sailors said to each other...

Jonah 1:14 Then they cried to the LORD...

Jonah 1:15 Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard...

Jonah 3:1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time...

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness.

The process will take time. But remember...
 it is _____ timing, not _____ timing.

John 7:6

Therefore Jesus told them, "The right time for Me has not yet come; for you any time is right."