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I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind. **—Proverbs 8:30-31**

Jesus describes Himself as One rejoicing in the inhabited world and experiencing delight in the sons of men. Though His delight in us is so clearly stated in Scripture, we find ourselves like the prodigal son who was confused by his father's overwhelming delight: we stand at a distance, not knowing how to receive it. It's more logical and comfortable for us to bring our list of failures and then plead for a low position in His kingdom. Yet instead of negotiating with us, He embraces us with unabashed affection and covers us with the royal robe of righteousness. This is the God we serve. This is who He is regardless of what we do.

{ PRAYER STARTER }

Just as You did for the prodigal son, O Lord, You cover me with Your robe of righteousness. You throw a party in my honor, and You welcome me into Your presence.

**He celebrates you or me as His child
and throws a party in our honor.**