



# Estranged Children

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## WHY DO ADULT CHILDREN BECOME ESTRANGED?

Pain, Sin & Control Issues

### BIBLE STORIES OF ESTRANGEMENT

Adam & Eve

Rebecca & Jacob

David & Absalom

You & Me (Isa 1:4; Isa 53:6; Hos 2:13)

### BIBLICAL TRUTHS

God sees you. You are not alone.

God experiences the same thing. You are not alone.

God can bring healing even if the estranged never returns.

God can use even this for his glory (better, not bitter). (Rom 5:3-5)

### ACTION ITEMS

Accept what is true about them (free will).

Consider what is perceived about you (self-examination).

Adopt a posture of healthy, introspective welcomer.

Call upon the church to intercede.

Pray for God to be at work. Know that He is.

### LITURGIES

*Every Moment Holy*, Volume 1:

A Liturgy for the Hardship of Holidays & Special Days

A Liturgy for Missing Someone

*Every Moment Holy*, Volume 2:

A Liturgy for Seeking Amendment & Reconciliation

A Liturgy for Seasons of Uncertainty