

Parable of the Prodigal Son

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Luke 15:1-2 (ESV) ¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

Steps to Developing/Renewing a relationship with God:

1. Recognize and _____.

Luke 15:11-17 (ESV) ¹¹ And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!

Jer 2:19 (NIV) ¹⁹ Your wickedness will punish you; your backsliding will rebuke you. Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you when you forsake the LORD...

Jer 3:22 (NIV) ²² "Return, faithless people; I will cure you of backsliding."...

Heb 11:25 (ESV) ²⁵ [Moses] choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

James 1:14-15 (ESV) ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

"Sin will take you farther than you want to go,
keep you longer than you want to stay
and cost you more than you want to pay."

"hired himself out" –

2. Repent and _____.

Luke 15:18-19 (ESV) ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."

"REPENT" –

Psalms 139:17-18 (NLT) ¹⁷ How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! ¹⁸ I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

Acts 3:19 (AMP) ¹⁹ So repent (change your mind and purpose); turn around and return [to God], that your sins may be erased, that times of refreshing...recovering...reviving... may come from the presence of the Lord;

3. Rejoice and _____.

Luke 15:20-24 (ESV) ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

Ran—

Kissed—

He Found Restoration—

* The Robe—Symbol of his _____.

2 Cor 5:21 (NIV) ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

* The Ring— Symbol of his _____.

John 1:12 (ESV) ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

* The Shoes— Symbol of his _____.