

"It's Time To Come Home"

"All Is Not Lost" Series – Message #4

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But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet; ²³and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate. Luke 15:22-24 (NAS)

In This Parable, Jesus Taught These Truths About The Younger Son:

1. He Did Everything He Could To _____ His Relationship With His _____.

And He said, "A man had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me' So he divided his wealth between them. And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living." Luke 15:11-13 (NAS)

2. He _____ What He _____.

After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. Luke 15: 14-16 (NIV)

3. He Had A _____ Of _____.

When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger.' I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant." ²⁰So he returned home to his father.

Luke 15: 17-20a (NLT)

4. He _____ What He Didn't _____.

...But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:20-24 (NIV)

It Was The Change Of Heart In The Young Man That Made Change Possible; But It Was The Father's Gracious Response That Ultimately Changed The Course Of His Life.

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10 (NAS)

The Bible Teaches:

A. _____ Separates _____ From God.

It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, He has turned away and will not listen anymore. Isaiah 59: 2 (NLT)

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins Ephesians 2:1 (NAS)

B. Jesus _____ The Penalty For My _____.

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. ²⁵For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls. I Peter 2:24-24 (NAS)

C. It Is _____ To Come _____.

In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the Man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising Him from the dead. Acts 17:30-31 (NIV)

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord. Acts 3:19 (NIV)

I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15:7; 10 (NAS)