

## Prodigal Grace

### Luke 15: 11-24

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Read Luke 15:11-32 for the full parable of Jesus.

Look closer at the following verses from the mind and heart of the younger son. What is his thinking/attitude about life and his father?

Verses 11-13;

Verses 14-17;

Verses 11-13;

Do you recall a time in your life that you were far from God and you felt Him pursuing you in your rebellion? What were the circumstances? How did God get your attention? Who did He use in your life to restore you?

Before you can return to God, you need to see yourself accurately. In honest evaluation, even in the smallest simplest way, how are you living in rebellion to God's purpose? What is God leading or calling you to do that you're refusing?

Sin makes us stupid. The first step to conversion is conviction - we have to see ourselves in our true spiritual state. We need a look in the mirror and the best place to get that is God's word.

How are you doing at spending time with the Father - in God's word and honestly evaluating your life according to God's plan?

They say; "the grass is greener...", even the good and subtle things of this world. What are you pursuing because it's more appealing to you than God's purpose, plan and mission?

Why does our Heavenly Father allow us to run away from His purpose, protection and plan for our life?

Push the envelope. What has God's word shown you that you want to replace? What areas of your life are you pushing the envelope in obedience and surrender to Christ's plan and purpose?

Repentance is a response to God's gracious call to salvation. It is the human counterpart to God's work of regeneration; in other words, the human side of our conversion.

What do these verses teach us about repentance?

Luke 5:1-11

Acts 26:15-20

Psalm 119:57-60

How does this passage encourage you to come to the Father for forgiveness when you have fallen into sin?

What specific action can you take to eliminate needless barriers that would keep sinners from "coming home" to the Father?

