

# HEAD HOME-The Journey of Repentance

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**Main Scripture: Luke 15:11-32**

**Supportive scriptures: Proverbs 28: 18; Proverbs 23: 19-21; 1 Corinthians 15:33; Psalm 32:3-4; Hebrews 12: 6; proverbs 13: 20; James 5: 14-15; Matthew 5: 23-24; Luke 15:7; Psalm 10**

Notes:

Pre- repentance stage: the state the son was in before repentance. His son was so excited about the inheritance that he wanted what was "owed" now.

Pre-Repentance conditions:

There are some conditions on this pre-repentance state

1. Driven by desires and motives - this comes with a sense of entitlement. You can pick up on this entitlement when your language has a lot of give-me sentences.

2. Focuses on fulfilling the desires of the flesh - when you cant accept counsel because you only focus is on fulfilling your desires.

3. Can't think long-term - short-term thinking is the killer of every desire for something in the future. The son wasn't thinking about when the money would run out because he was so driven by his sinful desire he lacked insight and vision for the future. When we live based on how we feel and on our own emotions it constricts us from thinking long term. There is a reason God puts our head over our heart: our head will have a vision and our hearts holds the feelings. we need vision over how we feel now. Sometimes we are so focused on the pursuit of this world that we don't realize our spiritual inheritance is being drained. We are spending our time on things that can not bring us lasting satisfaction. How much comfort can you have when you smell the smoke of destruction ahead. When you see this world on fire how comfortable do you make your bed? What are we resting on and where is our security? What are you losing while you seek pleasure?

4. Leads to spiritual famine - the dew and the rain of heaven will no longer water our lands when we choose to do things the way we want to. Why are you so frustrated? there may be a famine that has swept your life. Sometimes the famine we are in is because of the mismanagement of our own resources. When we are in this position when there is nothing to sustain us we will be spiritually malnourished

signs of Spiritually malnourishment:

- I Lack of peace and contentment
- Misery - your face is always made up in an unpleasant way.
- easily irritated
- Angry without a cause
- Hatred for the brethren
- Lack appetite for the word of God
- Not able to retain peace
- excessive worry and fear

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- Easily distracted
- Settle for less than what we should be settling for. we will allow conditions to prolong for so long. Depression sits on us for too long when God says the Joy of the Lord is my strength.

The discipline of the Lord is a show of love toward you

Sometimes we tie the hands of the Lord because he will not impose his will and force us to serve him. This is why he says choose who you will serve. Are you receiving what God is saying to you today?

It's one thing if you have a little money in famine you can maybe buy from someone who has a storehouse.

When we are selfish it will lead us to waste the resources that God has given us.

Eve thought her sin was helping her to grow but by rejecting the word of the lord she was wasting the resources

God used the famine where we have to work

This man is now feeding pigs - the animals that are inclined to live in a dirty environment.

are you living under spiritual oppression because you are feeding pigs of gluttony and covetousness? We are tormented but the Lord is saying get out and head home! Why are you still devaluing yourself? Those are not the words I spoke over your life why are you agreeing with pigs (lies)

If you are a child of God there is no way you can be completely written off. You become gold and only those with an eye for gold can see you. Are those speaking into your life mature enough to see you like gold?

The Lord knows what he has in store for you but you have to head home.

you can be on zoom now but in a far country thinking you are not accepted in the body of Christ. It doesn't matter how far you were the blood of Jesus has brought you near into his presence.

It was at the point when he would identify himself as a pig that God will trigger a thought of home.

The Laodicean church had no clue they were so far from God.

Sometimes we need flashbacks - a reminder of those times when we would wake up in the middle of the night and pray. Where is your mind? God is saying come to yourself. It's at that moment he recognized just how far our sin has taken us.

it's a tragedy when we are in the middle of pigs and think you're in a palace - pride will cause you to think you're good with God but you can't see yourself.

What areas of your life are you keeping alive to have a breakdown with a relationship with God.

There are some habits and people we have to separate from.

Is there a spiritual parasite that is sucking the life from you? examine your relationship what are you missing? connect the dots - what do you feel like each time you talk to someone.

Sometimes the poison is in our environment and we have to limit our exposure to it.

Proverbs 13: 20

sometimes the relationships you are having are like inhaling second-hand smoke.

come back to yourself and ask God to show you yourself.

## 2. Repentance

Conditions:

1. Awareness of sinful condition - Coming to your senses. Becoming aware of yourself. Ask God where the issue is coming from. If you recognize you keep praying and something is not working there is a stronghold and we need someone to pray with you.

James 5:14-15

2. Conviction - Asks what will I do about what I am aware of? This is where we recognize the need for humility the opposite of entitlement. The Lord wanted to change his clothing - what are you wearing in the spirit? Sometimes you rehearse your confession so it's a correct confession. Repentance requires thinking things through. A decision is made

3. Recognize who you sinned against. You sin against God and man and you have to make amends with both parties - pride will cause us not to repent. Consume and digest the word daily so it comes back to your mind. We don't apologize only when we have done things wrong but also when we have offended someone. Repentance brings an attitude of service. How can I serve the one I offended.

3. Action - Arise and go to father. sometimes the journey homes seem long and God has provision for when we are walking in his word. The Lord is able to see a broken and repentant heart. Pride will cause people not to recognize you. repentance allows us to come back and it shortens the going home time because the Father comes running towards him. God can restore you instantly.

clothes - righteousness

shoes and ring - the authority

## 3. Post repentance

- a celebration happening in heaven there is a fattened calf waiting for you.

- God wants to give you peace and joy

- what will you have to worry about when you head home.

- He didn't have to work because his father was taking care of Him.

- God will take care of you.

- God wants you to have an abundance of peace love and joy

when are you going to head home into his presence and come out of the pig sty of worrying?

Testimony:

I was in Ethiopia and the Lord woke me up and gave me psalm 10 and said to me that the word of this doctrine is to keep you from being selfish

There is a home within a house and not every house is a home - there is a home in repentance come home.