

# HOW TO REDEDICATE YOURSELF TO GOD

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When we think about rededicating ourselves to the Father we cannot bypass the story of the Prodigal Son. He left his father's house and his father's principles to follow a path that led him to a shameful existence in a hogpin.

The Beauty of The Story Is That God Touched His Heart In A Hogpin When He Was By Himself.

When You are God's Child God Will Break your Heart When You Are Breaking His

PSALMS 51:16-17 AMP

16 For You do not delight in sacrifice, or else I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. 17 My [only] sacrifice [acceptable] to God is a broken spirit; A broken and contrite heart [broken with sorrow for sin, thoroughly penitent], such, O God, You will not despise.

In Psalm 51:17, the verse often rendered as a broken and contrite heart, is best defined as crushed, beaten to pieces, or utterly broken.

David prays this after his grave sins of adultery and murder in 2 Samuel 11-12. David contrasts empty ritual with the only sacrifice God accepts: a spirit utterly broken over sin.

A broken spirit, is the Holy Spirit's answer to spiritual misalignment. When you grieve God Holy Spirit will grieve you until you rededicate yourself to God.

## SEVEN SIGNS OF BEING SPIRITUALLY MISALIGNED:

- A. Lukewarm Devotion
- B. Compromised Integrity
- C. Spiritual Neglect
- D. A Bitter Heart
- E. Worldly Affection
- F. Quenched Sensitivity
- G. Missional Apathy

The parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) is not merely a story of salvation; it is the definitive pattern for a believer's return from rebellion, apathy, and spiritual drift.

LUKE 15:11-24 KJV

11 And he said, A certain man had two sons: 12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. 13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. 14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. 15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. 17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, 19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. 20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. 21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. 22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: 23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Each step of his journey home maps perfectly onto the process of rededication, which is the conscious realignment of the heart, priorities, and life with the unchanging reality of God's grace.

## **1. THE AWAKENING: He Came to Himself**

And when he came to himself Luke 15:17 KJV

The prodigal's restoration began not with movement, but with a moment of clarity in the pigsty.

His despair was not a sign of God's abandonment, but the severe mercy that shattered his delusion.

This “coming to himself” is the Holy Spirit’s conviction—a sign that God is actively drawing the heart back.

2 CORINTHIANS 7:10 ESV

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret

This moment of godly grief is what author Cara Ray describes with the Hebrew word *nacham*—a sorrow over sin so profound it feels like sighing or breathing strongly. It is not condemnation but the first, unmistakable evidence of God’s kindness reaching into our ruin. As the Lexham Bible Dictionary notes, this awakening is the divinely provided new understanding that precedes true turning.

ROMANS 2:4 ESV

God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance.

## **2. THE CONFESSION: Be Honest With God**

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee... Luke 15:18 KJV

The prodigal named his sin; he acknowledged it was first against heaven (a vertical offense against God), and admitted the personal rupture.

1 JOHN 1:9 ESV

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Effective confession is raw, unvarnished, and makes no excuses. It agrees with God about the nature of our drift.

PSALM 51:17 ESV

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

This is moving from sorrow to the decisive turn of repentance.

### **3. TAKE ACTION: Return to the Righteous Path**

And HE AROSE, and came to his father...Luke 15:20 KJV

Repentance is not an emotion or a feeling, it's an action based on faith. He did not wait to feel like a son again. He acted on the basis of his father's known character. His journey home was the practical, step-by-step renewal of the basics —putting one foot in front of the other on the road back to relationship.

JAMES 4:8 ESV

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

QUOTE: Daniel Emery Price:

Repentance is "a turn from sin to the righteous Son of God."

We open the Bible we've neglected, kneel in prayer when we feel nothing, and sing when our heart is heavy. Faith is an act of the will first; feeling often follows obedience.

### **4. EMBRACE THE EMBRACE: Return to Christian Community**

But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. Luke 15:20 KJV

The prodigal did not restore himself. He was restored in the context of relationship, initiated by the father's explosive, welcoming love.

GALATIANS 6:1-2 KJV

1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

For the believer, rededication is consummated within the community of faith. We need the Father's embrace mediated through His people. Confiding in a mature believer, asking for prayer, and committing to fellowship is where the robe, ring, and sandals (the symbols of restored identity, authority, and belonging) are placed upon us anew. Isolation is the enemy of restoration.

## **5. THE DECLARATION: Formally Recommit**

Bring forth the best robe... and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet... And let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. Luke 15:22-24 KJV

The Father's Feast Was a Formal Declaration.

The son's restoration was public, tangible, and celebratory. The father proclaimed a new beginning with symbols and a feast.

ROMANS 10:9-10 KJV

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

LUKE 12:8 KJV

8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:

Rededication Was About The Father's Heart – It's About Grace, Not Earning

The entire story hinges on the father's unchanging character. The son's plan was to earn his way back as a servant: "make me as one of thy hired servants" (Luke 15:19, KJV). But the father never let him finish the speech.

Rededication is not about earning back a favor we forfeited. The father's love was constant; the son's experience of it was broken. The robe, ring, sandals, and feast were always available, secured by the father's character, not the son's merit.

Romans 5:8 ESV

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

ROMANS 8:38-39 ESV

For I am sure that neither death nor life... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord

QUOTE: Tim Keller

We are not restoring His favor, but realigning our hearts with the glorious, unshakable fact that we have always been—and will always be—His beloved children.