



THE CAIRN OF HELP

The Story of the Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11-24

He got up and went to his father... Luke 15:20

MAIN IDEA: ADMITTING WE ARE POWERLESS TO FULFILL OUR LONGINGS. WE NEED HELP AND THAT HELP IS JESUS.

When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants. Luke 15:17-19

**REPENTANCE IMPLIES NOT JUST TURNING AROUND;
IT ALSO MEANS GOING BACK TO WHERE YOU BELONG.**

So he got up and went to his father. Luke 15:20a

WHAT KIND OF FATHER IS WAITING FOR US?

1. IT'S THE GOD WHO RUNS

...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. Luke 15:20

2. IT'S THE GOD WHO EMBRACES

...he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. Luke 15:20

3. IT'S THE GOD WITH A NAME: JESUS

Come to me, all who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Place my yoke over your shoulders, and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble. Then you will find rest for yourselves because my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Matthew 11:28-30

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly. Matthew 11:28-30

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