

Finding Your Back to God Week Three

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

When we realize our inability to fulfill our desires on our own, we can find help in Jesus.

Prayer: **“God, if you are real, make yourself real to me. Awaken in me the willingness to turn toward you for help.”**

17 “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!

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

20 So he got up and went to his father.

“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.

Luke 15:17-20 (NIV)

Please take note of the following questions:

- Do you need any assistance in asking for help?
- Do you see yourself as an independent or dependent individual?
- What caught your attention the most in the message?
- Bruce challenged the church to return home. Did you jot down anything on your card?
- How should we feel towards sinners?
- What can we expect from God if we repent?
- Why did the father welcome his son back? How controversial was this action by the father--to accept his son back?

God Always Welcomes Us, Home.

- God loves us deeply and unconditionally. No matter what sins we may have committed, He always welcomes us back with open arms when we return to Him. Just like the father in the story of the prodigal son, who was filled with joy when his lost son returned to him, God is also filled with joy whenever we come back to Him.
- Let's practice saying the phrase "he was lost and is found" and personalize it by saying "I was lost, and now I am found."
- These words remind us of the joy and love that God has for us, and it is a great comfort to know that we are always welcomed back into His loving arms.

What does Scripture say about finding your way back to God? Test your discussion with scriptural truth.

Psalm 46:1

Proverbs 3:5-6

Zephaniah 3:17

1 John 1:9

Psalm 68:6

Hebrews 4:15-16

Luke 15:7

Pray:

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