

## HOPE FOR HURTING PARENTS

ST. LUKE 15:11-24

Jesus' beautiful story of the Prodigal Son is more than a lesson about God's love. It also illustrates some powerful principles for parenting. We see three stages in this parent-child conflict:

# I. STAGE ONE: REBELLION (VERSES 11-16)

".... GIVE ME...."

### WHAT TO DO:

 1.
 "... The younger son... set off for a distant country..."

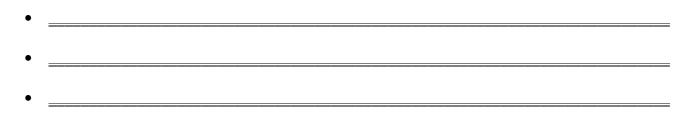
 2.
 "... And there squandered his wealth in wild living..."

 3.
 "... After he spent everything... he began to be in need."

### II. STAGE TWO: RE-EVALUATION AND REGRET (VS. 17-19)

"WHEN HE CAME TO HIS SENSES... I WILL GO BACK ... "

#### WHAT TO DO:





# III. STAGE THREE: THE RETURN (VS. 20-24)

### WHAT TO DO:

1. \_ ".... His father saw him and was filled with compassion for him..." 2.\_\_\_\_ "... He threw his arms around him and kissed him." THE SON'S CONFESSION: VS. 21 3· \_\_\_\_\_

"Bring the best robe... put a <u>ring</u> on his finger... and sandals on his feet."

"For this son of mine was dead, and is alive again; he was lost and is found!"