

THE ROAD TO REDEMPTION

Luke 15:14-24

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*And he was longing to fill his stomach with the pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him. **But when he came to his senses**, he said, “How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! I will get up and go to my father ...” Luke 15:16-18*

How does a person get on the road to redemption?

1. You must come to your senses concerning your situation.

A. Face the brutal facts.

I am dying [perishing, destroyed] here with hunger! Luke 15:17

Keep me from lying to myself. Psalm 119:29 NLT

B. Face the brutal truth: sin is stupid; it always leads to ruin.

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption ... Galatians 6:7-8

2. You must come to your senses concerning God.

A. God is a good God.

How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread ... Luke 15:17

B. God is a merciful God.

But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness and truth. Psalm 86:15

I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men. And he got up and came to his father. Luke 15:19-20

C. God is an inconceivably gracious God.

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him, and kissed him. Luke 15:20

1. God is looking for you.

2. God will humble Himself to get to you.

3. God will fully restore you.

But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet." Luke 15:22

4. God will greatly rejoice over you.

"... and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found." And they began to be merry. Luke 15:23-24

No matter what you've done, you can come home to God.