

He Gets Us.

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TEXT: LUKE 15:11-24, ROMANS 6:6-7

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NOTES

At some point in our lives, all of us will grab the bait and refuse to let go – be it luxury, pleasure, glory or something else. On the surface it appears so easy and fun, but later we flail in the mire of sin because we won't let it go.

Will you find freedom or live trapped? You get to decide.

1st Step: We admitted we were powerless over some part of our lives — that our lives have become unmanageable.

We said: Jesus understands that I am not ok, so I admit that I need help.

2nd Step: We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves can restore us to sanity.

We said: Jesus believes that I matter, no matter what, so I believe God can help.

3rd Step: “We are making a decision to turn our wills and our lives over to the care of God as we understand Him.”

We are saying, “Jesus treats me like a healer and coach, so I decide for God.”

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LUKE 15:7, 10

“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.’ So he got up and went to his father.”

LUKE 15:17-20

In the Greek text, the most literal translation of ‘to his senses’ is the reflexive pronoun ‘to himself.’

Realization about the severity of his consequences and who he truly was: a man in need of someone to save him.

Recognition of his true identity as one made in the image of his Father, as his Father’s son. You are, too.

Remembrance of the most important relationship in his life: his father.

“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 15:20

The father's love never wavered through his son's wandering, and our Heavenly Father's love never wavers through ours.

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

LUKE 15:24

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

1 PETER 5:8

"We are no longer slaves to sin. **For when we died with Christ** we were set free from the power of sin."

ROMANS 6:6-7

Baptism symbolizes the transformation of our lives from death to life and declares that sin holds no power in our lives!

The trap doesn't keep us stuck; we keep ourselves stuck, and whenever we lose sight of this, we give undue power and authority to the things of this world that Jesus already conquered.

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Repentance means 'to turn.'

When we turn to Jesus, we won't be smacked or ridiculed. Instead, we will be greeted by the Father's embrace and given a kiss, made new and restored to His house by his forgiveness through Jesus' sacrifice.

If you are holding onto a sin bait that's been stealing from your soul but you fear letting go of it because of what might happen to you – **repent today and be found.**

- God has given you the freedom to decide for God.
- True love doesn't force. True love waits and risks.
- For your Father, you are worth the wait and the risk.

"Practicing step 3 is like the opening of a door which to all appearances is still closed and locked. All we need is a key, and the decision to swing the door open. There is only one key, and it is called willingness. Once unlocked by willingness, the door opens almost of itself, and



looking through it, we shall see a pathway beside which is an inscription. It reads: 'This is the way to a faith that works.' – From Alcoholics Anonymous (Big Book)

“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne.”

REVELATION 3:20-21

Jesus is like a restoring healer, who gets you, knows you, and can prescribe the right medicine to touch exactly the places in your life that need healing.

Jesus is like a trustworthy coach who knows how to push you and grow you, which may feel uncomfortable for a season, but won't ever break you or lead you astray.

Faith in God's love works, and it will work for you today.

