

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

HOPE FOR HURTING PARENTS

Luke 15:11-24

"There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men 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 men.' 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.

²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

STAGE 1: REBELLION (verses 11-16)

"... give me my share ..."

What to do:

1. You let them _____
"... the younger son... set off for a distant country..."

2. You let them _____
"... and there squandered his wealth in wild living..."

3. You let them _____
"... after he spent everything... he began to be in need"

☒ _____ are part of God's process.

STAGE 2: RE-EVALUATION & REGRET (vs. 17-19)

"When he came to his senses... I will go back..."

What to do:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

STAGE 3: 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."
3. _____
"Bring the robe... put a ring on his finger... and sandals on his feet."