

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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50 Days of Transformation - Part 1 Spiritual Health

Romans 12:2 *“Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”*

Proverbs 13:15 *“Good understanding gives favor: but the way of the unrighteous is hard.”*

Isaiah 53:6 *“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way”.*

THE LOST SON & THE LOVING FATHER:

Luke 15:11-24 *Jesus told this story: “A man had two sons. The younger son told his father, ‘Give me my share of your estate now, instead of waiting until you die.’ So his father divided his wealth between his sons.*

A few days later the younger son packed all his belongings and left home to live in a distant land. There he squandered the gift he’d been given and wasted his life and money on wild parties and reckless living. About the time all his money ran out, a severe famine hit the land, and he began to starve because he was left with nothing.

The only job he could find was feeding swine on a farm. He became so desperate and hungry that even the pig slop he was feeding the swine looked good to him. But no one would give him anything for his hunger.

When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘This is crazy! At my Father’s home even the lowest paid workers eat well, while I’m far away dying of hunger! I’m going to return home to my Father and humbly say: Father, I have sinned against both God and you, and I am not worthy to be a part of this family or called your son. But please just make me one of your servants who works for you.’ With that attitude, he headed back home to his Father.

But while the son was still a long distance away, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran out to his son, threw his arms around him, and kissed him! The son said ‘Father, I’ve sinned against both God and you, and I’m no longer worthy of being called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring me the finest robe in our house and put it on him. Then get my signet ring for his finger and shoes for his feet. Then roast the calf we have been fattening. We’re going to celebrate with a feast of eating and drinking. For this child of mine was distant and dead but now he’s back and alive! He was lost, but now he’s found! So the party began!’”

HOW TO GET CLOSER TO GOD

1. GET _____ WITH MY LIFE

Jeremiah 29:13 (GOD says) “You’ll find me when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else.”

2. OWN UP _____

Luke 15:17-18 “When he came to his senses ... I have sinned against God and you.”

Isaiah 59:2 *It’s your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.*

Psalms 51:1-4 “Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love. Because of your great mercy wipe away my sins! Wash away all my evil and make me clean! I recognize my faults and I am conscious that I’ve sinned against you.”

Isaiah 1:18 “No matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can take it out and make you as clean as freshly fallen snow.

3. OFFER UP _____

The son left saying, “GIVE ME MY share...” Luke 15:12

He returned to the Father saying, “MAKE ME a servant” Luke 15:19

2 Corinthians 3:18 “We reflect the Lord’s glory and are being transformed into his likeness. With ever increasing glory which comes from the Lord.”

Romans 12:1 “Because God is merciful to you, offer yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. This is your spiritual act of worship and don’t be conformed to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

The Father’s Response: _____

Luke 15:20, 22 “Filled with love and compassion, he ran out to his son, threw his arms around him, and kissed him!...Bring the best...”

4. _____ MY PRAISE

Luke 15:22 “We’re going to celebrate with a feast of eating and drinking...He was lost but now he’s found! So the party begins!”

Psalms 68:4 “Sing praises to God and to his name! Sing loud praises to him who rides the clouds. His name is the LORD—rejoice in his presence!