

Bible Characters and Their Message

Prodigal—True Repentance

Luke 15:11-21

INTRODUCTION

True Repentance:

1. Brings You to Your _____ . (Emotionally)

Verse 17 *“when he came to himself”*

- **Self can't blame _____ .
(father, brother, friends)**
- **Self can't blame _____ .
(famine, poverty, hunger)**
- **Self can't blame _____ . (choices were his)**

Decisions: Free Will of Man

**Our mind stores _____ that are sent
to the will.**

**Our emotions store _____ that are
sent to the will.**

Our _____ makes the decisions.

2. Brings you to your _____ . (Factually)

• **Truth about your _____ .**

Verse 17: "How many of my father's servants have bread enough to spare..."

• **Truth about your _____ .**

Verse 17: "I perish with hunger."

- **Sin takes you further than you want to go**
- **Sin keeps you longer than you want to stay**
- **Sin cost you more than you want to pay**

• **Truth about your _____ .**

Verses 18-19: "I will arise and go to my father, and I will 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 the hired servants."

What will you be willing to do to make it right?

3. Brings you to the _____ . (Willingly)

Verse 20: "and he arose and went to the father"

• **So you can make it right with _____ .**

"I have sinned against God"

• **So you can make it right with _____ .**

"I have sinned against you"

• **So you can make it right with your _____ .**

"Make me like one of your hired servants"

MOMENTS TO REMEMBER
FROM THE STRUGGLING SON

1. _____ of _____....**Humility**
("treat me as a hired servant")

2. _____ of the _____....
"The essence of life is to get away from the father!"

Reality..."The essence of life is to come home to the father!"

3. _____ of _____....
"When you are down, there is a sickness unto death and there is no way up!"

4. _____ of _____....
"It is not what you say you are going to do, but what you do!"