**The Blessing of Returning to God**

* Read Luke 15:11-12

**Comment**:

The younger son comes to dad and ask for his inherence; in the Jewish tradition inherence were only handed during the time of death; the son is implying that what he wants is the death of his father.

It was more than disrespect. It was a betrayal of the values that his father had instilled in him.

The father let the son leave, does not make him to stay. God want you to want to be with him, he will never make you stay.

When we decide to leave our heavily father and go to a far country – the world, we are denying the spiritual reality that states that every part of my being belongs to God. The young son experience rock bottom, once he spends all his money and then a famine arose in the land, he ended feeding pigs and wanting to eat their food.

* Read Luke 15:17-19

**Comment**:

It was the consequences of his actions that waking up, God will allow us to have consequences until we get tired of pig life.

* *Read 2 Chronicles 15:3-6*

**Comment**:

Israel didn’t have peace, there was all kinds of conflicts, personal conflict, family conflict, city conflict, cultural conflict, it was chaos.

* *Read 2 Chronicles 15:6*

**Comment**:

We note here that God allowed the troubles, the adversity, the chaos.

***Ask: Why do you think God allowed all these problems that they could not fix?***

When God creates a problem, then God becomes the only solution. If God is the cause, only God is the cure. We need to remember that the spiritual always precedes the natural, that the spiritual governs the natural, that the heavenly determines the earthly. If we have an issue on earth it was caused in heaven and trying to solve it in earth or with earthy means is not going to work.

Israel was without the true God and was trying to fix all these problems in earthly ways. But in their trouble, they turned to God. God created the problems as means to strength their Faith and turn to Him.

**THE FATHER IS WAITING FOR HIS SON – SIGNS OF REPENTANCE**

* Read Luke 15:20

Comment:

While he was a great distance away his father saw him, his father was looking for him. But his father never went to far country. God is looking for his sons to come home.

There are many people that are living in far country – the world, and calling on God to deliver them, they are away from God calling on Him waiting for change to come waiting there, they want to stay in sin but also experience God. The father did not run to him until he saw him coming back with repentance.

**COMING HOME IS HARD FOR SOME**

There must be movement before the father ran to us; once we start moving with sincere regret for our sins, God will meet us before we get home. But God can’t meet us in the world.

* Read 1 John 2:15-17

**CELEBRATE THE RETURN HOME**

* Read Luke 15:21-23

**Comment:**

It is not until the son confess his sin that the father celebrates his return and provide him the best that he has.

**Application:**

Israel got in that situation because they were without the true God; anything that takes the place of God is an idol. **Our ancestors worshiped the sun, the moon, the elements of nature; but now we worship social media, musicians, sports, teams, money, science.**

God wants to keep the connection with us, and we need to get back to worship the true God. **When we experience trouble, we will also find Faith.** If we are in distress, we need to get closer to God and not move away, we need to hold on to our Faith; like Jacob, we need to tell the Lord, I am not going to let you go until you answer me. When we get close to God, he will open the gates of Heaven.

When we repent and come back home, God will have a party for us and will provide to us with the best that He has, all His blessings. God will show compassion when we come home.

When we walk away from God, from his word, we enter a spiritual zone of problems, when there is chaos in our life is because there is spiritual distance; God does not have a bad plan for us.

The spiritual consequences of our abandonment of the intimacy with our father, will lead always to regrets in life.