

Luke 15:11-31
Sinners in the hands
of a broken world and
the steps to
getting out!

Luke 15

¹ Now all the tax-gatherers and the sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him. ² And both the Pharisees and the scribes began to **grumble**, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them. . . ."

Three parables of grace

The lost sheep vs.3-7

The lost coin vs.8-10

The lost son vs.11-31

Luke 15:11-13 Rebellion **(the occasion for repentance)**

"¹¹ And He said, "A certain man had two sons; ¹² and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.' And he divided his wealth between them. ¹³ And not many days later, **the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living.**"

Jeremiah 2:13

"For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, to hew for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

How we get in to trouble

We have deep longings for life
that we seek to meet with sinful
strategies apart from God.

Manipulators
People pleasers
Workaholics

Intimidators
Hedonists
Perfectionists

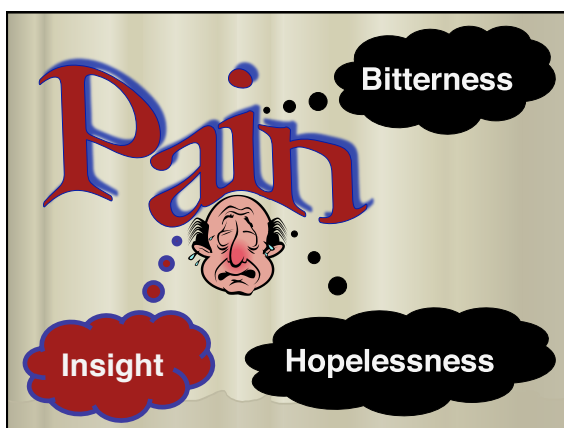
The dynamics of repentance **#1 Feeling the Pain**

"¹⁴ Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and **he began to be in need**. ¹⁵ And he went and attached himself to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶ And **he was longing to fill his stomach** with the pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him."

**As long as we can
successfully avoid pain
we probably
will not
repent!**



**God takes a risk
whenever He blesses us
lest we use
the blessing
to kill the pain
of foolish choices!**



***The dynamics of repentance
#2 Seeing the Light***

“¹⁷ But when **he came to his senses**, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger!’”

“repent”

***μετανοεω
metanoeo***

meta - “after”

noeo - “to perceive”

**A “response” that is not
driven by a renewed
mind
will be
superficial!**



The dynamics of repentance
#3 Yielding the Will

“¹⁸ **I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him,** ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.’”

**Without a decision
to move
nothing
changes!**



The dynamics of repentance
#4 Taking the Step

“²⁰ **And he got up and came to his father.** But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him, and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’”

**Repentance is
incomplete until
I come home!**



The point of this text

**Repentance is a process
that involves
Feeling the Pain
Seeing the Light
Yielding the Will
and**

Don't skip a step!

Action

Brokenness

Insight

Pain

Rebellion

Lessons from this text

- ✓ **Pain can hold a hidden blessing.**
- ✓ **We need to come home not just adjust our strategies in a distant land.**
- ✓ **Repentance is a change of mind leading to a change of heart, resulting in a change of life.**

Steps to repentance

- ✓ **Identify the core issue.**
- ✓ **Identify your strategies for life.**
- ✓ **Pray for insight, courage, and the first step toward home.**
- ✓ **Get the Body of Christ involved.**

“For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation”

II Corinthians 7:10