



Find Your Way Back | Part 2

Bill Bush | 04.25.2020

Big Idea

When regret has you bound, turn around.

Luke 15:17-20

¹⁷ “When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger!

¹⁸ I will go home to my father and say, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you,

¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.”

²⁰ “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.

Three things that keep us from coming to our senses:

1. **Pride** (*Proverbs 14:12*)
2. **People** (*Proverbs 13:12*)
3. **Perspective** (*1 John 1:9*)

Realize I am lost in less

Are you where you want to be?

Return to Life

- **Repent** – This word has been hijacked and is not about making you feel bad.
 - **Metanoia**: Change one’s mind/direction.
 - **Teshuva**: To return; Turn around.
- **Life**
 - **Bios**: Biological/chronological life.
 - **Zoe**: Quality of life found in God only.

Repentance is motion not emotion!

Realize/Return Inventory

- What do I think about that pulls me away from God?

- What do I indulge in that distracts me from God?
- What do I avoid that could draw me near to God?
- Ask someone to be brutally honest... “What do you see in my life that I need to turn from so I can turn towards God?”

Our attempts to find love, purpose, and meaning on our own lead to an endless cycle of longing and regret; but if we decide to return to God, we'll find we can start over. How is it working out for you?