



"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10 (NIV)

"Then He said: 'A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. 'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" 'And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son." 'But the father said to his servants, "Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'" And they began to be merry. 'Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf." 'But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, "Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him." 'And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'" Luke 15:11-32 (NKJV)

## \* WHEN IT COMES TO BEING LOST...

### 1. **REBELLION** is the center of it.

"Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living." Luke 15:11-13 (NKJV)

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23 (NIV)

### 2. **RUIN** is the consequence of it.

"But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything." Luke 15:14-16 (NKJV)

"Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death..." Romans 6:16a (NLT)

"But each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death." James 1:14-15 (NIV)

### **3. REPENTANCE is the cure for it.**

#### **➔ WAKE UP!**

*'But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!' Luke 15:17 (NKJV)*

*"We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away." Hebrews 2:1 (NIV)*

#### **➔ TURN AROUND!**

*"I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants'." Luke 15:18-19 (NKJV)*

*"I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Luke 5:32 (NIV)*

*"Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death."  
2 Corinthians 7:10 (NIV)*

#### **➔ COME HOME!**

*"And he arose and came to his father." Luke 15:20 (NKJV)*

*"Because of Christ and our faith in Him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence." Ephesians 3:12 (NLT)*