

# How To Come Back Home To God

<sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. (Luke 15:11-24, NIV)

## 1. Realize Your Need

*When he came to his senses* (15:17)

## 2. Repent Of Your Sin

*I have sinned against heaven and against you.* (15:18)

## 3. Return To Your Father

*So he got up and went to his father.* (15:20)

### What Does This Tell Me About God?

- God Is Patient Enough To Not Give Up.

*While he (the son) was still a long way off, his father saw him* (15:20)

- God Is Passionate Enough To Express Love.

*He ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.* (15:20)

- God Is Forgiving Enough To Accept Me.

<sup>21</sup>The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the **best robe** and put it on him. Put a **ring** on his finger and **sandals** on his feet." (15:21-22)

## 4. Rejoice In Your Forgiveness

*Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.* (15:23)