

sermon notes

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Experiencing the Rescue Efforts | Luke 15:11-24

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I. The Son _____ rebels _____: asks...packs...departs...squanders (vv 11-13).

Practical Point: People _____ distance _____ themselves _____ from God because they believe that life will be more _____ fulfilling _____ on their own.

II. The Son _____ returns _____: realizes need...comes to his senses...develops a plan of self-atonement (vv 14-20a).

Practical Point: The “turning point” is always recognizing _____ need _____ — demonstrated by _____ repentance _____.

III. The Father _____ receives _____: acceptance and restoration (vv 20b-24).

Practical Point: God always receives returning prodigals with _____ grace _____ — DO WE?

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My 2009 Commitments

“I return to God and receive His grace toward me.”

“I want to help returning prodigals find home and will respond as God leads with a verbal witness and an invitation.”