

The Downward Path of a Broken Life



God is always patient with us, he'll wait our whole life for us to return to him and when we do, he'll always welcome us back with open arms. We can avoid an awful lot of pain and hardship if we understand this as early as possible in life. It's never too late, but it's also never too early to seek God with all your heart.

Luke 15:11-24 KJV

[11] And he said, A certain man had two sons: [12] And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me . And he divided unto them his living. [13] And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. [14] And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. [15] And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. [16] And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. [17] And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! [18] I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, [19] And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. [20] And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. [21] And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. [22] But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: [23] And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it ; and let us eat, and be merry: [24] For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Words Associated with a Broken Life:

1. **DISSATISFIED** - A person feels dissatisfied with their circumstances and desires change but seeks their own understanding, not God's or doesn't know where to begin in making the change.
2. **DESIRE** - A desire to change the path you're on is also recognition that you're on the wrong path. It's also an acknowledgment that there is a void in your life.
3. **DECEPTION** - Deception can be denial about our own lifestyle or it can be choosing to follow the advice of someone who tells us things we want to hear instead of things we need to hear.
4. **DECISION** - A decision is made to go after what we think will bring us happiness and fulfillment. We are usually influenced by what we see around us or wanting to live the same life as the people we think have it so good. Instead of focusing on God, we focus on material pleasure. We ignore the fact that you'll reap what you sow in seeking the desires of the flesh. There will never be satisfaction in anything but God, he hard wired us to only need him.
5. **DESPAIR** - The realization that no matter what you try it's not working and It can't work. We realize we don't even know how to understand what's happening. We're out of solutions, plans, and energy.
6. **DETERMINATION** - The action step that is acknowledgment of our failed attempts to live you life apart from God. It's the realization that we need God. Are we willing to swallow our pride and place God as the number one focus in your life.