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Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. "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. **Luke 15:11-13 (NIV)**

WHY DO WE LEAVE HOME?

1. TO BE FREE
2. WE WANT TO CASH IN NOW
3. ANOTHER HOME LOOKS BETTER THAN OURS

HOW DO I GET BACK?

1. AWAKENING

After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!'" **Luke 15:14-17 (NIV)**

2. HONESTY

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

3. ACTION

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

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. **Luke 15:20b (NIV)**

For God says,

"At just the right time, I heard you.
On the day of salvation, I helped you."

Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation. **2 Corinthians 6:2 (NLT)**

Today when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts.... **Hebrews 3:15 (NLT)**

But his father said to the servants, "Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found." So the party began.

Luke 15:22-24 (NIV)