

HOPE FOR HURTING PARENTS
#SermonParents
Building A Stronger Family Part 6
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Luke 15:11-24

Three Stages In This Parent-Child Relationship

Stage One: REBELLION (vs 11-16)

Luke 15:11-16 Jesus said: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, **give me** my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ 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**. ¹⁴ After he had **spent everything**, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be **in need**. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but **no one gave him anything**." (NIV)

What To Do:

- Let them **GO** - (vs 12c)
- Let them **MAKE MISTAKES** - (vs 13c)
- Let them **REAP THE CONSEQUENCES** - (vs 14-16)

Proverbs 20:30 Sometimes it takes a **painful experience to make us change** our ways. (TEV)

Stage Two: REGRET (vs 17-19)

Luke 15:17-19 "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! ¹⁸ **I will set out and go back to my father** and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; **make me** like one of your hired men.'" (NIV)

What To Do:

- You **PRAY FOR THEM**
- You **COMMIT THEM TO GOD**
- You **WAIT PATIENTLY**

Psalms 130:5 I **pray** to GOD...and **wait** for what he'll say and do. (MSG)

Stage Three: RETURN (vs 20-24)

Luke 15:20-24 “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.** ²¹ The son said to him, ‘Father, **I have sinned** against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² 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.** ²³ **Bring the fattened calf** and kill it. Let's have a **feast and celebrate.** ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.” (NIV)

What To Do:

- You **LOVE** them faithfully - (vs 20b)
- You **ACCEPT** them unconditionally - (vs 20c)

The Son's Confession (vs 21)

- You **FORGIVE** them completely - (vs 22-24)

Joel 2:13 Let your broken heart show your sorrow; tearing your clothes is not enough. **Come back to the LORD your God.** He is kind and full of mercy; he is patient and keeps his promise; he is always ready to forgive and not punish. (TEV)