

Week Four

Finish Week Three

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Luke 15:13c-20a

Being Lost

- Lost everything. Shaved Head of a prisoner.
- Tiny Sword, sign of Sonship diminished in accident but not in essence.
- Real loneliness comes when we have lost all sense of having things in common.
- In that critical moment, ... he opts for life? It was the rediscovery of his deepest self.

Claiming Childhood

- Father, . . . I no longer deserve to be called your son.
- He realized that he was not a pig but a human being, a son of his father
- Deuteronomy 30:19-20.
I call heaven and earth today to witness against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him. For that will mean life for you, a long life for you to live on the land which the LORD swore he would give to your fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."
- We must choose.

The Long Way Home

- I still live as though the God to whom I am returning demands an explanation.
- There is repentance, but ... a self-serving repentance that offers the possibility of survival.
- One of the greatest challenges of the spiritual life is to receive God's forgiveness.
- Do I want to break away from my deep-rooted rebellion against God and surrender myself so absolutely to God's love that a new person can emerge?
- *****The innocence that is reached through conscious choices.**

The True Prodigal

- Becoming a child is living the Beatitudes and using the narrow gate into the Kingdom.
- The reunion. The full return in Jesus Christ. And he ascended to heaven.
- The light surrounding both Father and Son now speaks of the glory that awaits the children of God.

Coming Home

- How do we hear the voice calling us the Beloved?
- Do we want home to be a distant land, the Servant of the Father or the Son of the Father?
- Can we imagine the womb of God?