



Finding Forgiveness

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“God has purchased our freedom with his blood and has forgiven all our sins.” – Colossians 1:14

The Parable of the Prodigal Son - Luke 15:11-32

“A man had two sons. The younger son told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now before you die.’ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land.”

Luke 15:11-13a

To Find Forgiveness:

1. RECOGNIZE _____.

“When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired men have food enough to spare, and here I am, dying of hunger!’”

- Luke 15:17

“So the Word became human and lived here on earth among us.”

- John 1:14a

“For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son...”

- John 3:16a

2. RETURN_____.

"I will go home to my father and say, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired man.' So he returned home to his father." – Luke 15:18-20a

*"Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom."
– Mark 15:37-38*

"...so that everyone who believes in Him..." – John 3:16b

3. RECEIVE_____.

"And while he was still a long distance away, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him." – Luke 15:20b

"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 in the pen. 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

"...will not perish but have eternal life." – John 3:16c

Memory Verse

"Jesus was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised from the dead to make us right with God." – Romans 4:25

My next step today is to:

- Memorize Romans 4:25 .
- Register for water baptism on May 3rd.
- I will attend, as much as possible, the next 4 weeks of the "GONE!" series .
- Today, for the first time, I want to receive God's forgiveness through Christ.