

Scripture: **Luke 15:11-24 (NASB)**

Message Title:

There is No Place Like Home

Reference - (red Shoes) : (Dorothy on the Wizard of Oz)
.... Favorite Statement: “There is no place like Home”

HOME (Defined):

An enjoyable, happy place where you can live, laugh and learn. It is somewhere where you are loved, respected and cared for

Prodigal (defined): to be separated or to go away...where we get the word “prodigy”

The Son was bewitched from his inheritance by these 8 D’s:

1. Dissatisfaction- This young man had everything he needed at home, yet he yearned for more
2. Desire - He wanted to enjoy things he’d never experienced - thinking that satisfaction would come if he could indulge his cravings
3. Deception - He was deceived and believed he was missing something in life, and it could be found outside of his father’s house

4. Decision - He chose to leave home and its restrictions in order to enjoy the life he imagined awaited him
5. Departure - He took his fortune and left his family to go to a far-off country
6. Delight - With plenty of money at his disposal- he enjoyed himself - tasted sin and believed these new experiences were the fulfillment
7. Disillusionment - Although sin may be enjoyable at first, the wages always result in death (Rm. 6:23)
8. Despair - After the money was all spent - He sold himself out to the pigpen

Steps to Recovering your Promises:

1- Think Up

Until your thinking arises, you will not get up!

Proverbs 23:7 - (KJV) "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he"

2 - Look Up

He was required to go back and take action...the place of peace

3- Change Up

He was required to repent

Metanoia (grk) defined: To have a change of mind

4- Get Down

He was required to humble himself

1 Peter 5:6-7 - "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time; casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you"

God wants to offer you:

- 1- Forgiveness - He cleanses us from all unrighteousness
- 2- Acceptance - He accepts us back into the household
- 3- Restoration - He restores our dignity
- 4- Rejoicing - He celebrates our return home

He wants to Re-Clothe you:

- 1- **Robe** - (speaks of righteousness)
- 2- **Ring** - (speaks of authority)
- 3- **Shoes** - (speaks of Lifestyle change)