

Come Home – On God’s Terms
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Text: Luke 15:14-19

Painful moments in our lives are opportunities to recognize we have wandered far away from home. This awareness is the first step towards coming home. The journey is completed when we follow God’s plan and meet His terms.

Term # 1 **A**cknowledgement – The intellectual side of the journey home

- I messed up, look how far away from home I am.

“But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.” (Verses 14, 15)

- I messed up, my behavior is far from God’s best for my life.

“And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.” (Vs. 16)

Term # 2 **B**rokenness – The emotional element of the journey home

- I am a mess; I may die if I don’t change something.

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!’” (Vs. 17)

Term # 3 **C**onfession – The physical and visual part of the journey home

- I messed up, Father, please forgive so I may come back home.

“I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.” (Verses 18, 19)