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Messages of the Master

“The Teachings of Jesus”

Prodigal Living

Diminishing results - Luke 15: 11-24

Downward journey

- Premature desire “give me”
- Distorted image of his father

The way you perceive God affects the way you receive Him!

- Separation - “to a far country”
- Unwise choices - “wasted his possessions”

Believe a lie - something in you will die!

“...prodigal living.” - v. 13

- to deplete
- to diminish

The descent

- v. 14 - “spent all”
- v. 14 - “in want”
- v. 15 - “feeding swine”
- v. 16 - “no one gave him anything”

Disconnecting from God’s Will

Connecting to God’s Will

Upward Journey

- REFLECTION - “when he came to himself” - v.17
- REPENTANCE - “I will arise and go to my father... I have sinned.” – v. 18

Father’s Response

- Compassion in action: “ran”
- Connection: “kissed him”
- Robe/Ring/Sandals