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Isaiah 57:18 ¹⁸ I have seen their ways, but I will heal them

God is not waiting for us to explain ourselves - He is waiting for us empty ourselves!

Isaiah 55:1-2

¹ "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.
² Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.

God is not waiting for excuses - He is waiting for us to come.

Luke 15:11-24

¹¹ Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'



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²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

Jesus told the parables to reveal the heart of God the Father!

Prodigal: Spending money or resources freely and recklessly; extravagant

Extravagant: Lacking restraint in the use of resources. Lavish. Prodigal.

Ephesians 1:7-8

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us...

1 John 3:1

¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

Isaiah 43:18-19

¹⁸ "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.
¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

We cannot have a new beginning until there is an end to the old.

A requirement for receiving God's extravagance – return to Him.

Isaiah 44:22

²² I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist.
Return to me, for I have redeemed you."



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God has compassion for you – not contempt!

The father ran to the son.

HEALING MANIFESTO

Lord, I commit to the following: I will be real with You. That means admitting I'm not OK at times. I will resist the urge to self-manage. I will cooperate with Your work through obedience. I will stop speaking negativity. I will submit to Your process of removing the indelible stain of my sin and brokenness.

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