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I WANT TO GET CLOSE TO GOD: SPIRITUAL HEALTH

Luke 15:11-24

I am fed up with my life. Luke 15:11-18

- I am fed up with the way it **was**. Luke 15:11-12; 12:13-21; Matt. 6:24; Luke 18:18-23; 2 Tim. 4:10; Matt. 16:26
- I am fed up with the way it is **now**. Luke 15:13-17; Heb. 11:25; Eph. 2:12; Rev. 3:17; John 4:13-14; Luke 18:18-23

I need to take ownership of my sin. Luke 15:17-21

- I know my sin is against **God**. Luke 15:17-18, 21; Is. 59:2; Ps. 51:1-3; 32:5; Rom. 3:23; 6:23
- I know I need to **take** responsibility for my sin (no blame game). Luke 15:18-21; 1 John 1:9; Prov. 28:13; Ps. 51:1-4; 32:5; Matt. 5:3-4; Is. 55:7

I will offer up myself (all of me). Luke 15:12, 19; Rom. 12:1-2

- I now know it's **not** all about me (self-centered). Luke 15:12, 17; 18:9-14; John 4:34; Matt. 6:33; Luke 12:13-21
- I now acknowledge it's **all** about God (God-centered). Luke 15:17-19; Matt. 6:33; Phil. 1:21; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 12:1-2

What happens now? Luke 15:20-24

- The **Father** responds. Luke 15:20-24; Is. 1:18; 43:25; 44:22; Jer. 31:34; 2 Cor. 5:21; John 8:32; Gal. 4:6-7
- Our response: Make it a **habit** of a regular, daily spiritual checkup. 2 Cor. 5:17; 13:5; 1 Cor. 11:28; Ps. 139:23-24