

MESSAGE NOTES



Series: Finding Your Way Back To God
Message: I Wish I Could Start Over
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¹⁷ When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men 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 men.' ²⁰ So he got up and went...

Luke 15:17-20 (NIV)

1. Sorrow gets our attention.

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

2 Corinthians 7:10 (NIV)

2. Repentance calls us to action.

Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God.

Matthew 3:8 (NLT)

3. Real change requires both.

² Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. You will enjoy the finest food. ³ "Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life... ⁶ Seek the LORD while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near. ⁷ Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the LORD that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously.

Isaiah 55:2-3,6-7 (NLT)

4. With God I really can start over!

¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! ¹⁸ And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (NLT)

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Luke 15:20 (NIV)

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BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation