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Jesus on How Restoration Works

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Luke 15: 11-32

### The One Thing:

Dad in heaven is the best chance on earth of  
\_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ wound.

### 3 Ways of Relating to God:

1. Younger Brother Syndrome – The path of \_\_\_\_\_ that  
creates wounds of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 15: 12-16** The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> “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. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

2. Older Brother Syndrome – The path of \_\_\_\_\_ that  
creates wounds of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 15: 25-30** “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the

fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’<sup>28</sup> “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

3. Jesus-following Salvation – The path of \_\_\_\_\_ that leads to Jesus-following \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 15:31-32** “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

The path of healing is paved with \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

### **A Primer on Reconciliation and Rebuilding Trust**

#### **Reconciliation**

Def. – the restoration of friendly relations; to make compatible again.

- Open heart
- Total honesty about my past
- Time
- Right the wrongs
- Changes in behavior, not just promises
- Listening to be understood
- Clear expectations
- A welcome home

#### **Rebuilding Trust**

Def. – confidence; to rely upon and place confidence in someone

- Genuine humility
- Real understanding
- Total transparency
- Good motives
- Solid character
- Consistent track record of faithfulness

