

Pursuing the Promises
Steps to Recovering your Promises
Luke 15.11-24

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Sunday we discussed the miraculous way that God explodes into our situation and reveals and releases His promises in our lives. Amazingly, walls and darkness and guards were no match for the angel or the message when it comes to free us. The timing of God overwhelms the plans of men and the enemy and by faith we receive that and walk in it.

However, Peter is required to take some responsibility for his deliverance. He's told to get up, to get dressed, to follow the angel and to move quickly. This reveals to us the heart of God - the Great Deliverer and yet the One who requires us to partner with Him.

Take a look at the story we referenced Sunday... Some of his actions required mirror Peter's actions when the time came for him to walk in the promises of God. Like Peter he came to himself and like Peter-

Luke 15:17-20

17 "But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! 18'I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.'"

1. The man was required to get up!
 - You can't stay down in your thinking
 - You can't stay down in your living.
 - You can't stay down in your hopes for tomorrow

Prov. 23.7 - 7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:

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2. The man was required to go back.

Luke 17:14-17

15 Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, 16 and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan.

- Start where you got off course
- Restart your faith in God's ability
- Give God thanks for His grace!

3. The man was required to repent....

Rev 3:19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

- For leaving the house
- Forsaking the promises
- For losing his sense of who he was

4. The man was required to humble himself

1 Peter 5:6-7

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, 7 casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

- I'll be one of your servants - even servants have promises
- I don't deserve your promises!
- Humility produces a divine celebration! (vs 24)