

Recovering From Failure

Luke 15:11-24



The Lord is the Upholder of My Life

- **Psalms 37:24** - Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds *him with* His hand. (NKJV)
- **Psalms 54:4** - Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.
- **Psalms 73:26** - My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Arrogance – Unrealistic Expectations

- **Luke 15:11-13** - And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

Who is Establishing Your Steps?

- **Proverbs 16:9** - The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.

Rock Bottom

- **Luke 15:14-16** - And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

Are Your Priorities God's Priorities?

- **Proverbs 14:12** - There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.
- **1 Timothy 6:9** - But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

Brutal Honesty

- **Luke 15:17-19** - “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’”

➤ **No Shifting the Blame, Arrogance, or Pride**

Go to the Father

- **Luke 15:20-21** - *And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'*

Confession

- **Isaiah 59:1** - Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.
- **1 John 1:7-9** - But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

You Say – Lauren Daigel



I keep fighting voices in my mind that say
I'm not enough
Every single lie that tells me I will never
measure up
Am I more than just the sum of every high
and every low?
Remind me once again just who I am,
because I need to know

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
And you say I am held when I am falling
short
And when I don't belong, oh, You say I am
Yours
And I believe, oh, I believe
What You say of me
I believe

Welcome Home

- **Luke 15:22-24** - But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.