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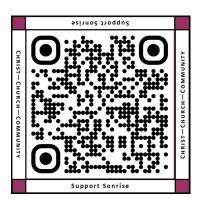
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Sonrise Church—Upcoming Events

Women in the Word—Bible Study Saturday July 20, at 10 a.m.

Men's Bible Study Saturday -July 27, 9. a.m.

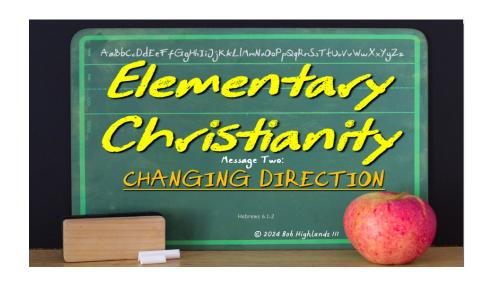
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THE PRODIGAL SON

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

"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. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him

anything.



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"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! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15.11-24

LIFE'S DIRECTIONS—NEGATIVE

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• no one gave him anything.

The spiritual journey starts by <u>REPENTING</u> FROM DEAD WORKS. This week we will look at one verse each day and ask you to consider how it applies to your life. Each day take time to read the scripture, respond and pray for deeper understanding. <u>Monday</u>: 1 John 1.9 God's forgiveness is conditional. What do we have to do to receive God's forgiveness? How does His forgiveness change us?

<u>Tuesday</u>: Proverbs 28.13 What do we learn about sin here? How does God respond to the way we handle our sins?

<u>Wednesday</u>: Matthew 3.8 What should a person do after they have repented? How will this be evident in their personal and public life?

<u>Thursday</u>: Joel 2.13 What do we learn about God here? How is God's response dependent upon us? Where does repentance start and what is the alternative to our repenting?

<u>Friday</u>: Acts 2.38 What are we called on to do here? How will God respond? How does this strengthen us and help make us effective servants?

<u>BONUS</u>: Pastor Bob pointed out in the Sunday message that only 4% of the USA holds a Biblical World View which includes believing the Bible is foundational for truth. 2 Chronicles 7.14 speaks of repentance on a national scale. What are the requirements set forward here for revival to happen? What happens if the nation does not turn back to God?

MAKING A PERSONAL 'YOU' TURN!

1.	You <u>TURN</u> (change direction) to God:		
2.	Your <u>SINS</u> are <u>WIPED</u> out:		
3.	TIMES of REFRESHING: of sin		
4.	CHRIST JESUS SENT to you: Discovering the		
	life that comes with a YOU Turn		

WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SIN?

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! precious is the flow

That makes me white as snow;

No other fount I know,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

LIFE'S DIRECTIONS-POSITIVE

- Can take us _____ the **FATHER**
 - This is moving from starving to where there is food to spare
 - ♦ Moving from **greed** to understanding the **need**.
- What it takes to change direction
 - I am starving: _____ where you are.
 (spiritually Physically)
 - ♦ *I will go back*: _____ where you want to be.
 - ♦ *I have sinned*: Being _____ with God about how you got here.
 - I am no longer worthy: _________approaching the Father.



LIFE'S DIRECTIONS—CHOICES

- He had chosen to go _____ from the Father
 - son got together all he had, set off for a distant country...
- He is choosing to go _____ to the Father
 - ♦ So he got up and went to his father...

THE 'R' WORD

- John the Baptist: "______, for the Kingdom of heaven is near" Matthew 3.2
 Jesus: "______, for the kingdom of heaven is near." Matthew 4.17
- Peter replied: "______ and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Acts 2.38



THE 'R' WORD IS FILLED WITH PROMISE

UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL 'YOU' TURNS

- Going the WRONG way? _____!
- You Turns are the place we _____!
- This is about a _______, not an ______!



TRAVELING THE ROMAN ROAD

- All have sinned and _____ of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).
- ◆ The _____ of sin is [eternal] death (Romans 6:23).
- The _____ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 6:23b).
- _____ with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and ____ in your heart that God raised Him from the dead (Romans 10:9).
- "For whosoever shall _____ upon the name of the Lord shall be _____ ." Romans 10.13