YOUR STORY: MORE THAN A POST


A. V12 - Asks for his portion of inheritance
   1. **Portion** - meros - Division or share, allotment; part in contrast to a whole.
   2. **Goods** - ousia - Substance, property, wealth, riches
   3. **Falls** - epiballo - To come to belong by right or inheritance
   4. **Divided** - diacres - Distribute on basis of implied distinctions
   5. **Livelihood** - bios - Life, resources one has; possessions
   6. **Rom 12:6** 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them:
   7. **Eph 1:18** 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.

B. V13 - Chooses the gift over the Giver
   1. **Prodigal** - asotos - Lacking restraint, excessive, senseless, reckless living; to live without thinking.
   2. **Wasted** - diaskorpizo - To dissipate or separate; to squander. Spread thin or scatter; gradually vanish; spend foolishly and to no purpose.

C. V14 - Lack of supply leads to inferior life
   1. **Spent all** - Spend completely, uselessly; nothing left
   2. **Began** - archomai - To commence, initiate an action, process or state of being.
   3. **In want** - hustereo - To fall short, be deficient, to be inferior
   4. **Severe famine** - Scarcity of food
   5. “**In want**” - To be inferior, mediocre, lower degree or status

D. V15 - Joins himself to the wrong crowd
   1. **Joined** - kollao - To glue, stick or cling to
   a) **Matt 19:5** 5 For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

E. V16 - Son reaches rock bottom
   1. **Pods** - keration - Food for cattle or pigs; in times of distress were the nourishment of the very poorest of people.

F. V17 - Comes to himself
   1. **Came to himself** - He remembered who he was and “whose” he was.

G. V18-19 - Declares his intentions
   1. **I will arise** - anistemi - To stand up; to rise up in open defiance of authority and overthrow it or act in opposition to its demands.

H. V20 - Father’s heart revealed
   1. **Compassion** - splagchnizomai - To be moved inwardly with affection. Love, sympathy and compassion.
   2. **Fell** - epipipto - To embrace with affection; to seize
   3. **Kissed him** - Sign of affection and reconciliation.

I. V21-24 - Father’s intentions override the son’s
   1. **Bring out the best robe** - THE principal robe; The righteousness of Jesus
a) **Zechariah 3:4** 4 Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes."

b) **Isaiah 61:10** 10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

2. **Put a ring on his hand** - Signet ring as a sign of a member of the family; Restored authority, Wealth, dignity and honor.

3. **Sandals on his feet** - Restore his walk
   a) **Ephesians 6:15** 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

4. **Bring the fatted calf** - Celebration not a funeral procession
   a) He came just wanting a meal — the father threw him a feast

II. **APPLICATION:**

A. Are you trying to decide how to use what God has given you without His guidance?
B. Are you living an inferior life than what God intended for you?
C. Have you joined yourself to the wrong people/thoughts? Reached rock bottom?
D. Have you forgotten who you are and whose you are?
E. Get up from where you are and come back to your Father. He’s waiting with open arms for you!