



YOUR TRUE SELF | WEEK 3
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There is and always has been an **inseparable** link between God's love and his people.

How does receiving God's love transform our lives?

God's love brings you home to your _____.

"A man had two sons. The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons." *Luke 15:11-12*

"A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living." *Luke 15:13*

Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is **not measured** by how much you own." *Luke 12:15*

"It's like a paper bag. Everyone sees the bag. Everyone wants it. Once you get the bag, you discover the bag is empty." — Ted Turner

Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a **chasing after the wind**; nothing was gained under the sun. *Ecclesiastes 2:11*

The empty "P's" always leave you in the _____.

"About the time his money **ran out**, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything." *Luke 15:14-16*

God will _____ your plan.

When he finally **came to his senses**, he said to himself, "At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! I will go home to my father and say, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.'" *Luke 15:17-19*

"So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with **love** and **compassion**, he **ran** to his son, **embraced** him, and **kissed** him." *Luke 15:20*

God _____ loving us, even when we are in the mud.

"Quick! Bring the finest **robe** in the house and put it on him. Get a **ring** for his finger and **sandals** for his feet. And kill the **calf** we have been fattening. We must **celebrate** with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the **party** began." *Luke 15:22-24*

The Father's love stops the striving.

"My deepest awareness of myself is that I am deeply loved by Jesus Christ and I have done nothing to earn it or deserve it." — Brennan Manning

What empty "P" have you been chasing?