

AHA

Note: Today's message is basically a presentation of the book AHA by Kyle Idleman. I strongly recommend this book.

STORY OF THE PRODIGAL SON-- Luke 15

AHA—"A sudden recognition that leads to an honest moment that brings lasting change." (14)

"a God-given moment that changes (19)

I. \_\_\_\_\_—A SUDDEN AWAKENING

Luke 15:17 WHEN HE CAME TO HIS SENSES, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

How does God sound the alarm in our lives?

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ at just the right time.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of someone in your life.

Proverbs 27:6a Wounds from a friend can be trusted,

3. Taste of future \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The examples of others before us.
5. Often God uses difficult \_\_\_\_\_ to wake us up.

Luke 15:14-14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who<sup>61</sup> have been called according to his purpose.

II. HONESTY—BRUTAL HONESTY

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"AHA is not often seized it is received." (71)

Luke 15:17-19 When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!<sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.<sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.'

EVALUATION QUESTIONS:

Did you spend more time this week on facebook or in prayer?

When was the last time you told someone "I love you." ?

How specifically have you helped someone in need in the last month?

When was the last time you said to someone, 'I was wrong. Please forgive me.?'

What is on your computer history?

When was the last time you prayed with your spouse? Your children?

Did you spend more money this month eating out than on advancing the kingdom of God?

Who besides God knows about your secret sin? (89)

III. IMMEDIATE \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 15:20 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.

Will you get up?

Zacheus

Luke 19:8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."