Intimacy with Christ
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Luke 15:11-24 *Holman Christian Standard Bible*
Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. [12]The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.
[13]"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. [14]After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. [15]So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. [16]He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.
[17]"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! [18]I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. [19]I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' [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.
[21]"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.[a]'
[22]"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. [23]Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. [24]For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

- Your Heavenly Father desires a relationship with you that is characterized by _____.

- Religion is a response to God that allows us to treat God _____, but not _____.

- Intimacy with Christ begins with first understanding the difference between _____ and _____.

- Grace is God giving us what we _____ _____ _____ and _____ _____ _____.

Three Essential Ingredients for Intimacy

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____ _____