

“An AHA Experience: A Sudden Awakening”

Quick Review for our Visitors:

The word ‘Aha’ is defined as – *a sudden understanding, recognition, or resolution.*

For our study the word AHA is an acronym for

Sudden **Awakening**

Brutal **Honesty**

Immediate **Action**

Reasons for Leaving the Father’s House:

“I want it **now**” – an attitude of instant gratification

“I **deserve** it” – an attitude of entitlement

“I can **do better** on my own” – an attitude of bitterness

Leaving the Father’s House takes us to a Distant Country:

“The Distant Country Will Leave You **Broke**”

“The Distant Country Will Leave You **Alone**”

Luke 15:11-32 NIV

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.'

You realize where you were

Luke 15:17 NIV

When he came to his senses.... my father's hired men have food to spare

Exodus 16: 3 NIV

The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

You realize where you are

Luke 15:17 NIV

.....HERE I AM starving to death!

You realize where you could be

Psalm 84:10 NIV

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

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