

“An AHA Experience: The Final AHA”

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**”

When you come to your senses:

“You realize where you **were**”

“You realize where you **are**”

“You realize where you **could be**”

When you come to your sense you must be:

Brutal Honesty about **circumstances**

Brutal Honesty about what **brought you here**

Brutal Honesty about the **consequences**

You have to know:

“Where You **Are**”

“Where You’re **Going**”

“Who’s **Waiting** for You”

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Awakening?

Honesty?

Action?

Celebration.

Luke 15:22-24 NIV

"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. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

The story doesn't end with **you** – it ends with **God**.

When God writes an Aha story, life gets back to the way it started – **with the Father.**

Luke 15:7 NIV

"I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

Luke 15:10 NIV

"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The **Older** Brother – **Two** Kinds of AHA

Luke 15:25-32 NIV

"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've

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been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!" "My son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

Experiencing AHA

Remembering AHA