

AHA
(Awakening / Honesty / Action)

(3) Immediate Action

~ AHA ~

**A SUDDEN RECOGNITION... THAT LEADS TO AN HONEST
MOMENT... THAT BRINGS LASTING CHANGE!**

THREE KEY INGREDIENTS to AHA...

- 1. Sudden AWAKENING**
 - 2. Brutal HONESTY**
 - 3. Immediate ACTION**
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~ DISTANT COUNTRY ~

~ Sudden Awakening ~

Luke 15:17...

“HE CAME TO HIS SENSES”

~ Brutal Honesty ~

Luke 15:17...

“HE SAID TO HIMSELF”

~ Immediate Action ~

Luke 15:20...

“SO HE GOT UP”

Luke 15:17-19...

When **HE CAME TO HIS SENSES...** (*Sudden Awakening*) **HE SAID TO HIMSELF...** (*Brutal Honesty*) 'How many of my father's hired servants 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 servants.'** **SO HE GOT UP...** (*Immediate Action*) and went to his Father!

CONVICTION IS ALWAYS AN INVITATION TO ACTION!

WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GET UP...?

Three Primary Reasons we struggle with IMMEDIATE ACTION...

1. PASSIVITY...

"I'M SURE EVERYTHING WILL WORK ITSELF OUT!"

Way Too Often...

WE CHOOSE "EASY" OVER "GOD!"

It's not always that EASY to GET UP and WALK BACK HOME... when you've been PICKED UP and CARRIED YOUR WHOLE LIFE!

Three Primary Reasons we struggle with IMMEDIATE ACTION...

2. PROCRASTINATION...

"I'LL GET TO IT LATER!"

Few Reasons We Lean Towards PROCRASTINATION...

1. WE WANT TO PUT OFF THE PAIN OF RETURNING HOME!

Most of us don't want to ACT... because we don't want the PAIN!

Few Reasons We Lean Towards PROCRASTINATION...

2. WE WANT TO PROLONG THE PLEASURE IN THE DISTANT COUNTRY!

The **LONGER** you try to **PROLONG THE PLEASURE...**
The **GREATER** the **PAIN** will be!

Few Reasons We Lean Towards **PROCRASTINATION...**

3. WE WANT TO PLAN OUR RETURN TO PERFECTION!

Three Primary Reasons we struggle with **IMMEDIATE ACTION...**

3. DEFEATISM...

"IT'S TOO LATE NOW!"

**A 'SPIRIT OF DEFEATISM' Often Comes When We
Don't Accurately Take Into Account "HOW" The
FATHER Will RESPOND When WE COME HOME!**

Luke 15:20-24...

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 then said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 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 now FOUND!**' So they began to celebrate!

Before you even **THINK** about **TAKING ACTION...**
GOD HAS ALREADY ACTED!

**IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO COME BACK
HOME... BECAUSE YOUR FATHER WILL
ALWAYS MAKE UP FOR LOST GROUND!**
