



RIDGEVIEW CHURCH

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2. What are the distinct marks of true, breakthrough repentance compared to simple regret or blame-shifting? How does an "awakened" person view the Father differently than a rebellious person?
3. In Middle Eastern culture, a dignified patriarch running, lifting his robe, and lavishly restoring a rebellious son without a probationary period was absolutely shocking. When you consider the gifts the Father gave him: the robe, the ring, the sandals, and the feast —what does this tell us about how completely God restores us when we come home? Why is it sometimes hard for us to accept complete forgiveness and restoration?
4. The older brother was physically working in the father's field but was "far from the Father's heart". He viewed his relationship with his father as earned merit and focused on fairness rather than grace. How can actively serving in the church sometimes mask a self-righteous or resentful spirit? What are some warning signs that we are running from God through pride and religion rather than open rebellion?

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