

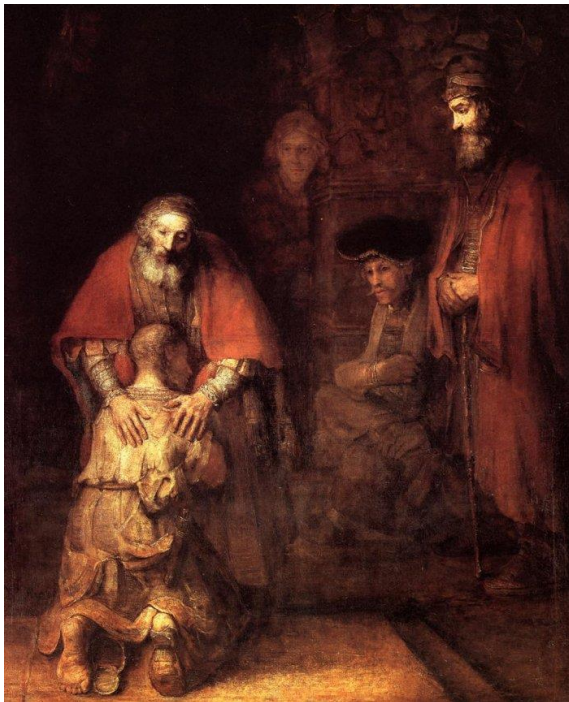


Sermon Notes for May 11, 2025

“The Turning Point” by Rev. Dr. Bob Lee

Part 2 of “Coming Home: A Journey with the Prodigal Son”

A series based upon the Parable of the Prodigal Son from Luke 15:11-32 with reflections on *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen.



“Rembrandt’s painting becomes more than the mere portrayal of a moving parable. It becomes the summary of the history of our salvation.”

—Henri Nouwen, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, p. 58.

This week our focus is the younger son. Take time to meditate on the young man in the painting. Reflect on how he hit rock bottom and came to his senses:

- What experiences in your life have helped you “come to yourself,” recognizing your need for grace and homecoming?
- How does the younger son’s journey help you rediscover the truth of your own identity—that you are God’s beloved, even in your brokenness?

- In what ways might God be inviting you to turn back toward Him today—not with shame, but with hope?

Source for painting -- Title: Rembrandt Harmensz. van Rijn: The Return of the Prodigal Son (1668) Author / citation: Ronald Klip, artbible.info.
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