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Message Series: Living Out God's Purpose

Today's Message: The God Moment That Changes Everything

2 Chronicles 36:15-16

1. SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

<u>Sounds Harsh</u>—The #1 element to <u>SPIRITUAL AWAKENING</u> is <u>not</u> church services or small groups—it's <u>suffering</u> and <u>setbacks</u>, <u>problems</u> and <u>challenges</u>.

TRUTH: When God's Word and His Spirit bring 3 THINGS into your life—you experience an "AHA" - a God-given Moment That Changes Everything

Luke 15:14

♦ "There can be no transformation where there is no revelation. We cannot overcome that which we will not admit" ~ Soul Care

2. Brutal HONESTY

Luke 15:17 "When he finally came to his senses..."

Luke 15:18, 19

Hebrews 4:13

1 John 1:9

James 5:16

<u>Get This</u>: When we are <u>honest</u> with <u>God</u>—<u>He forgives</u>; When we are <u>honest</u> with <u>others</u>—we find <u>healing</u>.

Proverbs 28:13

♦ "You will never rise above your level of <u>self-awareness</u>. The things we <u>deny about ourselves</u> are the <u>very things</u> that <u>deny us</u> from the <u>fullness</u> of <u>God</u>." ~ Soul Care

1 Corinthians 13:11

1 John 1:5-10

3. Immediate Action

- 1) Spiritual Awakening
- 2) Brutal Honesty
- 3) Immediate Action

Luke 15:20 "So he got up..."

⇒ The "AHA" stalls out for most here—we get stuck between Honesty and Action.

NEED: To obey and follow God even when we do not feel like it!

<u>Luke 15:17</u> "But when <u>he came</u> to <u>himself</u>" ... "I will <u>arise</u> and <u>go</u> to my father..."

By God's Grace: What seems artificial and fake becomes authentic and real.

Luke 15:20, 21

4. Grace For Both Sons

<u>Luke 15:28</u> "But he was <u>angry</u> and <u>refused to go in</u>. His father came <u>out</u> and <u>entreated him</u>..." Our God longs for a Relationship with His children

♦ This "AHA" moment—About A Father Who Keeps Loving Unconditionally