



STUCK IN A RUT: MOVING FORWARD 1

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE
Luke 15:11-24

ADDITIONAL STUDY
Deuteronomy 1:6-8
Philippians 3:12-13

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for divine courage to enable you make the necessary move out of where you are, and towards your desired destination

Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine - Luke 15:15

The objective of this week's devotional is to get you moving from a place of stagnation to your preferred destination in different aspects of your life. When the prodigal son first identified his goal for financial freedom, he went to his father who gave him the required capital he needed to accomplish that goal. That capital was meant to move him in the right direction towards fulfilling his goal; however, he squandered it by his bad financial decisions and was left with nothing. To his credit though, when all his money was gone, he went and took a menial job to survive. In a way, that was a step in the right direction - MOVING FORWARD. We see clearly in the story that these two scenarios were such that could have led to financial stability for this son; no wonder he later identified one of them as an option to pursue again – going back to 'daddy.'

Likewise (having identified the things that stopped you from reaching your goals from yesterday's devotional), you have to consciously think of the things you can do that can move you forward – towards fulfilling your goals. What information or training can you access that will give you the extra push you need? Who can you attach yourself to as a mentor or friend that can boost your chances to reach your targets? Do you need to obey the word of God in some specific area of your life to make it happen? Do you need to apply for a position less than your qualification? Can you reach out to someone that can help you with (reasonable) funds to start up a business? Will it take reconciliation in a broken relationship to make it come to pass?

Until you are willing to first identify the activities, persons or places that can push you towards your desired goal, and rise up courageously to take that first step towards your desired destination, everything will remain as they are. Albert Einstein puts it succinctly, "Nothing happens until something moves." Don't wallow in self-pity, neither allow regrets gain the upper hand in your situation, just move forward!

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