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STUCK IN A RUT: MY FATE OR STATE

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

Luke 15:11-24

ADDITIONAL STUDY

Psalm 34:17-20, Proverbs 27:23 & 2 Corinthians 4:17 (GNT)

PRAYER POINT

Pray for a release of God's strength to fortify your will not to abandon your goals halfway because of temporary setbacks; but to stand strong and keep pushing till your God-given goals are met.

But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! - Luke 15:17

On yesterday's devotional, we established that like most of us, the prodigal son had a goal to get somewhere (financial freedom), so he embarked on a journey to fulfill his goal. But, he got stuck along the way, and then had to appraise his situation by asking himself some tough questions which brought a turn-around for him.

Likewise, many people are stranded in a place of unfulfilled goals and can't see a way out. Therefore, we want you to practically apply the formula of the prodigal son to your peculiar situation, in order so you can still reach your goals (targets, desired destination).

In doing that, you should start by asking yourself these questions, 'Where was I before I set my goals? What goals did I set for myself, e.g. spiritually, maritally, economically, physically, etc.? Where am I now in reaching my goals?' If you are no where near fulfilling your goals, you then should ask, "Is this my fate or my state?"

Determine if the situation you are in is redeemable or irredeemable - right size it. If you consider it your fate, then you are stuck. If you see it as a temporary state, then there is a flicker of hope that you can still achieve the goals you set out to achieve.

If you consider them as God-given and reasonable goals at the beginning, you should not change your mind because of your present stagnation or lateness in starting.

The prodigal son could have taken his situation as his fate, but he saw it as a temporary state that could be redeemed. He was not going to let where he was stop him from trying again to reach his goals and desires for financial freedom.

He took remedial decisions. Thus, the first formula to getting unstuck in a rut and moving forward, is for you to see your setback as a temporary situation which is subject to change, not as a permanent state of hopelessness. This mindset will strengthen you not to abandon your goals, but to keep pushing till you get your desired results.

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