

GETTING BACK ON TRACK

WHEN OUR HEARTS GO OFF TRACK (Matthew 15:8 NLT)

- Three D's that work to pull us off
 1. Distractions - things that pull us away from what matters most
 2. Disappointments - expecting one thing, getting far less
 3. Distresses - negative pressures
- Thank God for answers (**James 4:8 NLT**)
 1. We can come close to God, and He will not reject us
 2. We can make heart adjustments

THE MAN WHO GOT BACK ON TRACK (Luke 15:14-24 NLT)

- He came to his senses
 1. Recognized he was in a bad place
 2. Acknowledged it was his fault
- He put actions with his good intentions
 1. More than talk, he headed home
 2. He believed his father was good.
 3. He had disqualified himself from the position of son
- His father was looking for him
 1. Filled with compassion, the father ran
 2. Restored the son to the place of sonship
 3. The relationship was celebrated

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- Be honest about where you are
 1. Requires a level of humility and courage
 2. Confess don't conceal (**Proverbs 28:13 NLT**)
- Take action steps - Do the things that help you stay on track
 1. Refocus on truth (**Hebrews 2:1 NLT**)
 2. Praise and give thanks to God (**Romans 1:21 ESV**)
- Believe that God wants you close to Him
 1. He paid a steep price to bring you close (the blood of Christ)