

“THINKABOUTIT” THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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Most of us are familiar with the parables of Jesus. Using common stories to teach was a popular way of driving home points centuries ago and Jesus was a master at it.

One of Jesus' most famous stories is called the "Parable of the Prodigal Son". In the story a man leaves home with his inheritance and, a while later, returns with nothing. The heart and soul of the teaching is that when he returns, his father is awaiting him with open arms.

Sometimes when we make mistakes, it's tough to come home. Whether it's because of arrogance, embarrassment or under-appreciating those we neglected, we don't feel like we can ever come back; but, the truth of the matter is that most of us can return to our relationships if we just give it a try. The great thing about forgiveness is that even if no one else will do it, God has promised to be there with open arms claiming, "... this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found." (Luke 15:24) Are you ready to come home ... there is no better time than now.

Think about it! For the Madison Avenue Church of Christ; this is Charlie Wharton.