

## Memorize & Ponder

Mar 6, 2016

Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 15:17-18a

(Full Reading – Luke 15:11-32)

Week of Feb 28 – Mar 6, 2016

### Coming to Our Senses

#### Luke 15:17-18a (NRSV)

But when he came to himself he said,  
“How many of my father’s hired hands  
have bread enough to spare,  
but here I am dying of hunger!  
I will get up and go to my father, ...”

*Throughout the Christian year of 2016, until Advent, we will be focusing on the theme of ‘Following Jesus in a Fearful and Divided World.’ Our Scripture readings and Memorize & Ponder texts will be taken from the Gospels of Luke and John. We invite you to **listen** for what the Spirit is saying in the text, then **question** how those insights might change the ways you see things and act in the world. Share your thoughts during the week on the meaning the Spirit creates for you in this text by posting a comment on our website – [www.brentwoodpc.ca](http://www.brentwoodpc.ca).*

## Ponderings for Daily Theologians

*Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us provoke one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together ... (Hebrews 10:23-25a)*

### A Word for Daily Theologians = Forgive

There are two key insights in this story that warrant some pondering in this season of Lent.

First, the Spirit is constantly working within us to remind us of our home with God.

We wander and worry.

We become distracted by destructive options.

But the Spirit is constantly inviting us home, persistently and persuasively encouraging us to listen.

When we listen and accept the invitation, we come to ourselves, come to our true senses.

Second, what we will find when we go home, much to our surprise and delight, is forgiveness, acceptance without conditions.

The changes that will help us flourish are made in gratitude for that grace, not to earn it.

### Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week

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