



Sermon Outline
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Awakening to Help

Luke 15:17-21

The 1st Awakening: The Awakening to Longing.

"There's got to be more."

The 2nd Awakening: The Awakening to _____.

"I wish I could start over."

The 3rd Awakening: The Awakening to _____.

"I can't do this on my own."

Prayer Challenge:

Pray this prayer honestly and earnestly:

*God if you are real,
make yourself real to me.
Awaken in me the willingness
to turn toward you for help.*

Help has a name: _____

C.S. Lewis - *"The only way Hamlet could discover anything about Shakespeare would be if Shakespeare wrote himself into the play."*

Jesus = God _____ us.

Matthew 1:22-23 - All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

Jesus = God _____ us.

Romans 8:31-32 - What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

What's your reaction to God's grace?

Reaction #1 – I can't _____ it.

1 Timothy 1:15-16 - Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

Reaction #2 – I sort of _____ it.

Matthew 5:20 - For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Reaction #3 – I didn't expect it but I _____ it.

1 Timothy 1:13-14 - Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.