

Let the Party Begin

Summer at The Bayou - Part 2

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YOUR FAMILY SHOULD RECEIVE THE BEST OF YOU AND NOT WHAT'S LEFT OF YOU.

“But those who won’t care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers.” 1 Timothy 5:8 (NLT)

You are a part of God’s plan for your family.

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10 (KJV)

“¹¹To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: ‘A man had two sons. ¹²The younger son told his father, “I want my share of your estate now before you die.” So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. ¹³A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. ¹⁴About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. ¹⁵He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything. ¹⁷When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, “At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will go home to my father and say, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, ¹⁹and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.’” ²⁰So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. ²¹His son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.” ²²But his father said to the servants, “Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. ²³And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.” So the party began.’” Luke 15:11-24 (NLT)

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“Then Pharaoh removed the signet ring from his finger, put it on Joseph's finger, clothed him in garments of fine linen, and placed a gold chain around his neck.” Genesis 41:42 (BSB)

What are the things I can do to get the party started?

Many small moments of selfishness often lead to a self-serving mindset.

Submit to the conviction of the Holy Spirit and make yourself available to be used how God has intended.

“Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.” Romans 6:13 (NLT)

“But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet.’” Luke 15:22 (NLT)

Am I the robe, ring, or the sandals?

The robe represents character and grace.

The Lord will use you as a robe - to instill value, hope, a sense of pride, and expression of character upon them!

“³³Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. ³⁴Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.” Luke 10:33-34 (NLT)

The Good Samaritan was a robe. // compassion + care

Am I the robe?

The ring represents calling and grace.

The Lord will use you as a ring - to release authority and set His children in position.

Am I the ring?

The sandals represent Christ and the Gospel.

“For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.” Ephesians 6:15 (NLT)

Am I the sandals?

There’s restoration waiting on you!

There’s a party waiting on you!

You are an instrument of righteousness!