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COMMITMENT

LUKE 15: 11-24 - Then He said, "A certain man had two sons. ¹² The younger of them[inappropriately] said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' So he divided the estate between them. ¹³ A few days later, the younger son gathered together everything [that he had] and traveled to a distant country, and there he wasted his fortune in reckless *and* immoral living. ¹⁴ Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to do without *and* be in need.....

God will use an entire country to make his point and to get your attention!

We must realize that the Father is looking for those who will make the **commitment** (a pledge or promise ; an obligation; engagement or involvement) to serve Him & be a blessing to the kingdom. It is imperative that we purpose in our hearts to make a decision to commit. We also must understand that **every** decision (good, bad, or indifferent) has it's consequences. The prodigal son made a bad decision and ended up paying a great price. But God has made His decision in **John 15:16** - You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed *and* placed *and* purposefully planted you, so that you would go and bear fruit *and* keep on bearing, and that your fruit will remain *and* be lasting, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name [as My representative] He may give to you.

Look at the commitment that the Father has made concerning you ;

1Peter: 2:24 - For [as a believer] you have been called for this purpose, since Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you may follow in His footsteps. ²² HE COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS DECEIT EVER FOUND IN HIS MOUTH.²³ While being reviled *and* insulted, He did not revile *or* insult in return; while suffering, He made no threats [of vengeance], but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges fairly. ²⁴ He personally carried our sins in His body on the ^[a]cross [willingly offering Himself on it, as on an altar of sacrifice], so that we might die to sin [becoming

immune from the penalty and power of sin] and live for righteousness; for by His wounds you [who believe] have been ^[b]healed

In my conclusion I submit to you thatSuch a commitment should warrant us to do as it written in **Romans 12:1-2** -I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, into God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, acceptable, and perfect will of God.