

Why do people make life changes? What goes into their decision to change?
How does God answer our prayers for change in someone else and still respect his/her free will?

The Prodigal's Journey of Change:

- The journey of change begins when people experience pressure because of their previous choices.
 - Pressure from his father/his upbringing (12-13)
 - Pressure from lack of resources and being in need (14)
- When pressure doesn't affect current choices, the journey of change continues when people experience pain because of their previous choices.
 - Social pain because he had to work at a job that was humiliating (15)
 - Physical pain because he didn't have enough to eat (16a)
 - Emotional pain because no one cared about him or offered help (16b)
- The journey of change can come to completion if the pressure and pain experienced opens the heart to a new perspective about what their lives would be like if they made a different set of choices.
 - Perspective about his choices/consequences (17a)
 - Perspective about what his life could be like with new choices (17b)
 - Perspective about his father's leadership (18-20a)

