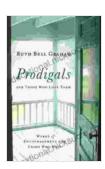
# Prodigals and Those Who Love Them: A Journey of Redemption, Hope, and Healing

The word "prodigal" is often used to describe a person who has wasted their resources or opportunities. However, the biblical parable of the prodigal son teaches us that even those who have gone astray can find their way back home.

In the parable, a young man asks his father for his inheritance. The father agrees, and the son leaves home and spends the money recklessly. Soon, he finds himself poor and alone. In desperation, he returns home and begs his father to take him back.



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The father is overjoyed to see his son and welcomes him home with open arms. The son is forgiven and restored to his former position in the family.

The parable of the prodigal son is a powerful reminder that God's love is always available to us, no matter what we have done. Even when we have turned away from God, He is always waiting for us to return.

If you are a prodigal, know that God is waiting for you to come home. He loves you and wants to forgive you. Take the first step today and turn back to Him.

If you love someone who is a prodigal, don't give up on them. Keep praying for them and encouraging them to come home. God can do amazing things in their lives if they are willing to turn back to Him.

#### What is a prodigal?

The word "prodigal" comes from the Latin word "prodigium," which means "a wonder" or "a marvel." In the Bible, the prodigal son is a young man who leaves home and squanders his inheritance on reckless living. After he has lost everything, he returns home and begs his father to take him back.

Prodigals are often characterized by their selfishness, impulsiveness, and lack of responsibility. They may make poor choices that lead to negative consequences. However, prodigals are also capable of great love and compassion. They may be drawn to helping others, even if they have not always been able to help themselves.

#### Why do people become prodigals?

There are many reasons why people become prodigals. Some may be influenced by peer pressure or a desire to fit in. Others may be struggling with mental health issues or addiction. Still others may simply be rebelling against authority.

Whatever the reason, becoming a prodigal can be a painful experience. Prodigals may feel lost, alone, and ashamed. They may also struggle with feelings of guilt and regret.

#### What can be done to help prodigals?

If you know someone who is a prodigal, there are several things you can do to help them:

- Pray for them. Prayer is a powerful force that can help prodigals find their way back home.
- Encourage them. Let prodigals know that you love them and that you are there for them. Encourage them to seek help from professionals if they need it.
- Be patient. Recovery from prodigal behavior takes time. Be patient with prodigals and don't give up on them.

#### What is the hope for prodigals?

The hope for prodigals is that they will turn back to God and find their way home. God's love is always available to prodigals, no matter what they have done. If they are willing to turn back to Him, He will forgive them and welcome them home with open arms.

The parable of the prodigal son is a story of hope and redemption. It shows us that even those who have gone astray can find their way back home. If you are a prodigal, know that God is waiting for you to come home. He loves you and wants to forgive you. Take the first step today and turn back to Him.

**Those Who Love Prodigals** 

Loving a prodigal can be a challenging experience. Prodigals may be

difficult to understand, and their behavior can be hurtful. However, it is

important to remember that prodigals are still human beings who deserve

our love and compassion.

If you love someone who is a prodigal, here are a few things you can do to

help them:

Be patient. Recovery from prodigal behavior takes time. Be patient

with prodigals and don't give up on them.

Set boundaries. It is important to set boundaries with prodigals to

protect yourself and your other loved ones. Let them know that you

love them, but you will not tolerate certain behaviors.

Encourage them to seek help. Prodigals may need professional help to

overcome their problems. Encourage them to seek help from a

therapist or counselor.

Pray for them. Prayer is a powerful force that can help prodigals find

their way back home. Pray for them regularly and ask God to give

them the strength to turn back to Him.

Loving a prodigal can be a difficult journey, but it is a journey that is worth

taking.

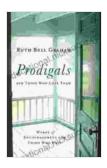
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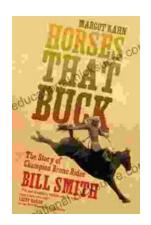
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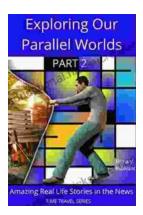
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