(Marion Victory)

Readings for the week of March 27, 2022;

Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Psalm 32:5 I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

Luke 15:18 I will arise and go to my father and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

Selah, a small word with a large meaning.

Selah is mention 71 times in the book of Psalms and 3 times in Habakkuk.

Although there's no known definitive meaning, there is a common consensus that this word meant, and means 'to pause, and to reflect.

Some have said this ancient word also means forever.'

Either way, for whatever reason, it is meant to be placed right where it is.

Was it this scripture that changed the heart of this young man? This Psalm of David

He was in a dreadful place, all by choice!

He must have known his father's heart. He had to know he would at least be fed and housed. He would confess his sin and leave the rest to his father. He would certainly be in a better place than where he found himself.

2 Corinthian 5:18 Now all things are of GOD, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Luke 15:22-24 But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to make merry.

It's important to read the whole story as I've only hi-lighted a small portion. This son was completely reconciled to his father and even given better than what he had before. If the eldest son never even had a goat roasted as yet in his life then certainly this younger son hadn't! The best robe! A ring (perhaps the family seal), new shoes!

How much like our salvation.

We are sealed with God's signet ring, His precious Holy Spirit Washed in the blood of the lamb!

The shoes of the gospel of peace are on our feet.

We are given a new robe The Righteousness of Christ!

And all of heaven rejoices over one sinner coming to Christ.

Completely reconciled

And for the eldest son?

Luke 15:31 Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.

Selah