

SERMON HANDOUT

SCRIPTURE: Luke 15:11-19 (NLT)

One day a lady decided to quit smoking after 20 years. No patch, no gum, no gradual cutting down — she woke up one morning, crumpled the pack in her hand, and said, 'I'm done.' It wasn't easy. The cravings came hard. But the decision was final, and she never went back. That's what people mean when they say 'cold turkey' — a clean break, a decisive moment, no turning back.

In Order to Quit Cold Turkey:

- 1 You have to come to your senses.
- 2 You have to communicate to the intended target.
- 3 You have to stop and get up.

Key Truths from the Prodigal Son:

- Fun can turn to filth.
- Addictions are trapped attractions.
- Sin will always take you farther than you want to go, cost more than you want to pay, and keep you longer than you want to stay.
- Deliverance begins in the mind before it shows in the mouth or movement.
- Repentance is not repeating — it's turning 180 degrees back to God.

Reflection Questions:

- What 'pigpen' situations in your life do you need to recognize as empty and hopeless?
- Where do you need to stop managing sin and start walking away from it?
- How would God know you are serious about change — through your words or your actions?

5 Scriptures to Help You Survive:

- Romans 12:1-2 — Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice... be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 — If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!
- 2 Peter 3:9 — The Lord is patient... not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.
- Psalm 18:2 — The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer... my stronghold.
- Philippians 4:6-7 — Do not be anxious... the peace of God will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.