



Prodigals Homecoming Meeting FAQ

Homecoming meetings provide a place to start recovery. Meetings are a safe haven for people new to the thought that they need recovery. It is terrifying to admit we are our own worst enemy. Homecoming Meetings are a place we come to receive encouragement from others who struggle in similar ways, who know the pain and difficulties we face firsthand. They are also the place we see for the first time people who are experiencing progressive victory over lust and its devastating effects.



OK, I'm here, now what?

This is probably the most frequently asked question people have when they walk through the door of a Homecoming Meeting. Usually followed closely by, "What did I get myself into?" Some other common questions are:

Who are these people?

How do I know if this is for me?

How does this thing work?

Let's start with the basics:

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him, and kissed him. [Luke 15:22 \(NIV\)](#)

Like the prodigal son who squandered his money, health, and relationships, we finally came to our senses in the pigpen we had made of our lives and started home. Hoping only for scraps from the table, we found open arms.

So can you.

Prodigals Homecoming is a place you can find support, encouragement, and healing as you make your way home to Jesus.

Who are these people?

Prodigals Homecoming is a fellowship based on the 12 Steps as originally pioneered by [Alcoholics Anonymous](#). It is a closed meeting. It is only for those desiring their own sexual sobriety.

So what does that have to do with me?

How many times have you cried out to God with tears in your eyes, 'Save me from this, take it away!' only to do the same thing again and again? And when we didn't stop, we fell deeper into shame, guilt, and self-hatred, even wondering if suicide was the only escape.

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How many times have you promised yourself and those you love you would stop, only to do it again?

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How many times have you thought, "If I pray more, study the bible harder, go to church more often, then I will change.

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How much has this "problem" cost you in dollars, wasted time, jobs, relationships, family, marriages, and mental health?

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If this sounds familiar, there is good news. We have found a way out. We have seen marriages restored and families reunited. But that is just icing on the cake. Best of all we found peace. Peace with ourselves, others, and peace with God.

OK, sounds good, but how do I know if this is for me?

Think for a moment. Why did you come here in the first place? If you are anything like us, you came here because you have run out of places to go, things to try, and relationships to lose. We are desperate to get the demons off our backs and out of our heads. We are desperate to silence the nagging whisper that, 'this time it will satisfy, this time it will last' when we know it's a lie.

We are desperate to stop the pain. We are desperate to escape the shame. If you are anything like us, you are here because you are faced with the loss of something you are not willing to lose. Some of us are faced with losing a job, or our freedom because of criminal behavior. For others, marriage or other relationships are on the line. For all of us, our sanity is at stake.

So how does this thing work?

It is simplicity itself, Willingness. That's all you need to change your life. Willingness to be honest. Willingness to look honestly at the wreckage of your life. Willingness to change. Willingness to do whatever it takes. Here is the good part. You don't need courage, strength, hope, a master's degree, or a strong jawline. You need to admit you have tried everything, and nothing worked. If you are willing to work this program, you will find peace.

How do I get started?

First, keep coming to meetings. While there is nothing magical about meetings, you begin to soak in an atmosphere of hope and acceptance. Hope and acceptance are the first ingredients in the solution.

Second, talk to people. Ask questions. Get involved. Find someone who can be a phone partner, and call them every day. Tell them what your challenges are and where you are struggling today.

Thirdly, we have Newcomers' meetings on a regular basis. Go to one and get started towards the mentorship process. The mentorship relationship is where it all happens. A mentor is a guide who has been where you are at and has walked the path you want to follow to freedom. A mentor is part coach, part encourager, and part drill instructor.

Finally, here are some rules of the road to help you settle in at the meetings:

Anonymity is key: Don't talk about who you see or what you hear at the meetings outside the meetings.

Names: Introduce yourself with your first name only. When we introduce ourselves we admit our weakness at the same time. For example, 'Hi, I'm Bill W., and I am a Sex & Love Addict.'" This keeps us humble and reminds us that we are all here for the same reason and that we are not alone.