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## The Parent Behind the Prodigal

Enumclaw, WA—In the biblical Parable of the Prodigal Son, a young man requests his inheritance early, leaves home, and blows his fortune on wild living. Then a famine hits. With no money left to live on he is destitute, reduced to feeding pigs and craving their slop. Finally he comes to his senses and returns home to his father, who has been waiting and watching for him and receives him back with open arms. Many parents look to this passage of Scripture for comfort when their kids rebel. It's easy to forget that behind every rebellious child is a crushed mom or dad, aching to see that child come to his senses. But what happens when the prodigal remains a prodigal?

*Someone's Son* is the true story of a single mother's desperate attempts to rescue her prodigal son. When Brenda Rhodes' son Ronal Paul was 21 he told her that he was gay. By age 26 this once considerate, loving son was deeply involved in a world of illegal drugs. Because Ronal Paul was an adult his mother had no authority to force him into rehab. "As his life spun out of control so did mine." Rhodes says, "I reached a point of complete despair and hopelessness." Then God broke through in such a profound way that this mother not only found hope to go on, but discovered a peace and strength that gave her the power to face whatever the future held.

Ronal Paul died for AIDS-related pneumonia at age 34. *Someone's Son* is his mother's story of going from despair to strength as she fights for him. The author describes her book this way: "*Someone's Son* is a story of learning to rejoice in the Lord, of feeling the arms of God, the hand of Jesus, the comfort of the Holy Spirit. It is a book about victory."

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