

COME HOME!

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Sometimes you must look back to go forward. What did God do? What has God said-promised?

BIG IDEA: God has crafted us to be a place, a vehicle and a people who He uses to bring people back to himself—to grow, heal and restore them.

“Come home.” Jeremiah 31:1-34

TAKE HOME: We are a people/place...

1 Called _____—where God draws people to himself and us! (2, 8-9, 20, 23-25)

“God places the lonely in families.” Psalm 68:6

*“If you **abide** in me and I in you, you will bear great fruit.”*
John 15:5 TV

Luke 15:17-24 Returning home

2 Where repentance, forgiveness, healing and _____ are normal. (2, 4, 9, 18-19, 28, 29-30, 34)

²⁵*“I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint.”*

3 Where _____ and celebration are expressed.
Tambourines, dancing, singing, shouting for joy, praise.
(4, 7, 12-14)

“When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion” Psalm 126:1

4 Where _____ and fruitfulness are restored.
(5, 12, 14, 23-24, 33-34) (Eph. 2:10)

5 Where _____ is a normal part of the Spirit’s work.
Joy, weeping, sorrow, yearning. (4, 9, 13, 18-20)

“Those who sow with tears will reap with joy.” Psalm 126:5

6 Where people find _____. (2, 26; Ex. 33:14; Ps. 23:2)

“Come to me.” Matthew 11:28-30.

“My peace I leave with you.” John 14:27.

7 Where people _____ God intimately, personally.
(33-34).

“This is eternal life, that they know you, the one, true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” John 17:3

“God’s dwelling is now among people.” Rev. 21:3

“They will see his face” Rev. 22:4. (Rom. 2:15)

TAKE OUT:

—BE family. Participate. Connect. Transparent.

—INVITE people home. Lots of ‘em.

—OWN UP if you’ve sinned—confess, turn, repent.

—TREAT others with a huge heart of grace.

—COME home to him. Stay home with him. Know him.

—EXPRESS worship with all year heart.

What has God spoken, or put into you, or imparted to you—a dream to step into? Today is your launch pad.