

COME *Home*

GUIDEBOOK

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WHY COME HOME?

We all have people in our lives—friends, family members, even those we were once close to in faith—who have walked away from God. Maybe they were hurt by the church. Maybe life got hard, and they questioned if God was even there. Maybe they slowly drifted, and now they feel like it's too late to come back. Maybe they believe church isn't for "people like them." Whatever their reason, here's the truth:

God never stopped loving them. He never gave up, and He's still calling them home.

That's why this Easter, we're launching *Come Home*—a message of hope for those who feel far from God. It's an invitation for the lost, the weary, and the searching to experience grace like never before. No matter what they've done. No matter how long it's been. No matter how far they've wandered. ***There is always a way back.***

If you're already following Jesus, this is your moment to stand in the gap. ***Who in your life needs to hear this message?*** Start praying now. Ask God to soften hearts, to remove barriers, and to open doors for the people you love to come back to Him. And when the opportunity comes, ***invite them.*** Your simple invitation could be the reason someone takes their first step back toward Jesus. Your invitation could change a life.

This Easter, we're not just celebrating an empty tomb. We're celebrating lost sons and daughters coming home. Let's believe together for lives to be changed. ***Let's pray. Let's invite. And let's be ready to welcome them with open arms—just like Jesus.***

DAY 1 | SUNDAY, APRIL 13: THE FATHER'S HEART

Scripture

"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 15:20

Devotional

The story of the prodigal son isn't just about the son's return—it's about the Father's relentless love. Before the son even made it home, the father saw him, ran to him, and embraced him. That's the heart of our God—waiting, watching, and ready to restore.

Prayer Focus

- Pray that prodigals will feel the pull of God's love by name.
- Ask God to soften their hearts and prepare them for His embrace.
- Pray that our church will reflect the heart of the Father as we welcome people home.

DAY 2, MONDAY, APRIL 14: THE FAR COUNTRY

Scripture

"The younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living."
– Luke 15:13

Devotional

The far country represents not just physical distance but spiritual separation. Many prodigals are chasing fulfillment in places that can never satisfy. The world overpromises and underdelivers, leaving hearts empty. But even in the far country, God is working.

Prayer Focus

- Pray that prodigals will recognize the emptiness of life apart from God.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to stir in their hearts a longing for home.
- Pray for divine encounters—people, messages, and moments that remind them of God's love.

DAY 3 | TUESDAY, APRIL 15: A WAKEUP CALL

Scripture

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!'" – Luke 15:17

Devotional

At his lowest moment, the prodigal came to his senses. Sometimes, brokenness is what leads people back to God. Even in their mess, God is near, waiting for them to wake up to His reality.

Prayer Focus

- Pray that prodigals will have a wakeup moment where they recognize their need for God.
- Ask God to use circumstances—not to harm, but to bring them to their senses.
- Pray against shame and fear that keep them from returning home.

DAY 4, WEDNESDAY APRIL 16: THE JOURNEY HOME

Scripture

"I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you." – Luke 15:18

Devotional:

The journey home starts with a decision. The prodigal son didn't have it all figured out—he just knew he needed to go back. Returning to God isn't about having all the answers; it's about taking the first step.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray that prodigals will take the first step toward home.
- Ask God to give them courage to admit their need for Him.
- Pray that fear of rejection or judgment won't keep them from returning.

DAY 5 | THURSDAY, APRIL 17: THE FATHER'S WELCOME

Scripture

"Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet." – Luke 15:22

Devotional

God doesn't just accept prodigals back—He restores them. The father didn't shame his son; he clothed him in dignity. No matter what someone has done, God offers full restoration and identity in Him.

Prayer Focus

- Pray that returning prodigals will experience God's grace instead of guilt.
- Ask God to break off lies that say they are "too far gone."
- Pray for our church to be a place of radical welcome and restoration.

DAY 6, FRIDAY, APRIL 18: THE OLDER BROTHER'S HEART

Scripture

"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him." – Luke 15:28

Devotional

Sometimes, those inside the church struggle to celebrate when prodigals return. The older brother resented his father's grace. But Jesus calls us to rejoice over the lost being found. If heaven throws a party, so should we!

Prayer Focus

- Pray against a spirit of judgment or self-righteousness in the church.
- Ask God to give us hearts that celebrate when the lost come home.
- Pray for a culture of grace, joy, and hospitality in our Easter services.

DAY 7 | SATURDAY, APRIL 19: THE CELEBRATION!

Scripture

"Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

– Luke 15:23-24

Devotional:

Easter is a celebration of resurrection—of Jesus, and of every lost soul coming home. God isn't just passively waiting; He is ready to celebrate! As we prepare for Easter, let's pray with expectation that many will come home.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray people will experience God's love at our Easter Services.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to draw hearts home and remove every barrier.
- Pray with faith and joy, knowing that God is in the business of resurrection!

How has God spoken to you during your prayer time?

SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY

People can debate and argue many facts, but they cannot argue with what God has done in your life. Your personal testimony is powerful! Here are three simple tips to help you share your testimony:

1. Cut the Fluff

Keep it short and structured! Aim for before, how, and now—your life before Jesus, how you met Him, and what’s different now. People love a good story, but they don’t need every detail—make it clear, quick, and Christ-centered.

2. Talk Like a Human

Ditch the Christian jargon and share your story like you’re talking to a friend over coffee. Keep it real, relatable, and relevant—one main theme helps it stick, and speaking naturally invites engagement.

3. Make Jesus Famous

Your testimony isn’t just about your transformation—it’s about His power. Make sure people walk away thinking, “Wow, Jesus is amazing!” rather than just, “Wow, you’re amazing!” Keep the focus on Him and be ready to share at a moment’s notice. Remember, practice makes perfect.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. What’s the most courageous thing you’ve ever done?

Why it works: Courage often comes from overcoming fear, stepping into the unknown, or making a hard choice.

How it leads to Jesus: You can share how the most courageous thing anyone can do is trust Jesus with their life. The Prodigal Son had to be brave enough to return home, and we all need courage to admit our need for God.

Follow-up thought: “I think one of the most courageous things anyone can do is surrender control and trust in something

bigger than themselves. That's what happened when I gave my life to Jesus—He gave me courage I didn't have on my own."

2. If you could go back and change something about your life, what would it be & why?

Why it works: Everyone has regrets or "what ifs" that they wrestle with.

How it leads to Jesus: This opens the door to grace, forgiveness, and new beginnings. No matter what someone has done, Jesus offers a fresh start. The Prodigal Son thought he had ruined his life, but his father welcomed him home anyway.

Follow-up thought: "I used to think my past defined me, but when I met Jesus, I realized He offers forgiveness and a new start. No mistake is too big for God's grace."

3. What's the most extravagant gift you've ever received?

Why it works: People love talking about meaningful gifts, and it naturally sets up the idea of receiving something undeserved.

How it leads to Jesus: The most extravagant gift we can receive is God's grace—His love, forgiveness, and eternal life through Jesus. Just like the Prodigal Son's father lavished him with love when he returned, God offers us the same extravagant grace.

Follow-up thought: "For me, the most extravagant gift I've ever received is God's grace—His love that I didn't earn and don't deserve. The Prodigal Son's father gave him a robe and a feast when he came home, and that's how God welcomes us, too."



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