



Home Coming: Sons & Daughters

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

Verse 11-13

The Gospel has always been about a Heavenly Father who wants to gain access to his son's and his daughters.

Both Sons - In our story - knew the father but both were homeless.

The Prodigal Son Story - this story is about the **Father and his love.**

Home! - Home is where the presence of the Father is.

It is possible to have an encounter with Christ, but never receive the Spirit of a Son or Daughter. As a result, we walk as Fatherless and Homeless.

When Homelessness is in effect 2 things occur: **Rebellion or Religion**

When Fatherlessness/Homelessness is our identity we become "achievers" either through rebellion or religion.

When Sonship is our identity we become "receivers" and we **understand** that "all that the father has is ours."

Sonship - The greatest revelation, is to know that you **Belong.**

Vs.20 So he got up and went to his father. "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.

Vs.21 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

Vs.22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on

his finger and sandals on his feet.

Vs.23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.

Vs.24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So, they began to celebrate.

3 Chairs - Belong - Believe - Behave

Ephesians 2:6-7 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

If we fail to fully receive a Spirit of a Son or Daughter, we will operate as an orphan or a slave.

The First Son:

The Orphan - because he doesn't feel that he belongs he looks to make his own home. - verse 17-19

The orphan learns to believe - he can negotiate the terms of his behavior - so he can belong. - Luke 15:19

"I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants."

Because I believe I hope I can Belong. - The Orphan doesn't feel worthy of the fathers love.

The Slave - acts to gain acceptance and approval.

The Slave learns to Behave - to prove they Believe - so they can earn a place to Belong - Luke 15:29

"But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends."

Because I behave, I think I Belong. - The Slave feels he has earned the fathers love.

The Son - understands: Belong, Believe, Behave

Because I know I Belong - I Believe the promises of my Father - therefore I Behave. - Luke 15:31

"My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours."

I Believe because I know I Belong.

Romans 8:14-15 "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

When you become a son or a daughter you become a lover of others. Your heart breaks for those who don't know the fathers love.

Mark 10: 30-31

The greatest commandment - And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Sons and daughters have received the fathers Love

- When you allow the father to Love you, you feel lovable.
- When you feel Lovable you can love yourself.
- When you love yourself, you will love your neighbors.

The moment you believe in Jesus you get saved... The moment you know that Jesus/the Father believes in you, it's that moment that you are transformed. The answer to Homelessness is come "HOME." To the father.