

**WELCOME HOME**  
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**LUKE 15:1-32**

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**Big Idea:**

Jesus does not wait for us to have everything together before welcoming us home; His grace receives us and begins making us new.

**Point 1:**

Home Is Where You Are Seen Before You Are Fixed

**Question:** What have you convinced yourself must change before you can come near Jesus?

**Point 2:**

Home Is Where Grace Runs Toward You

**Question:** Could the grace of Jesus be better than the welcome you think you deserve?

**Point 3:**

Home Is Where Welcome Becomes Restoration

Want to Go Deeper?  
Check out the Waypoint Daily  
Devotional Podcast:



**Talk It Over: ‘Welcome Home’**

*Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your LifeGroup. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.*

**To Start Things Off:**

Think of a place where you always feel completely relaxed, comfortable, and accepted. What makes that environment feel so welcoming to you?

 **Dig Deeper**

**Read Luke 15:11-24**

- The father ran to meet his wayward son before he could give his apology. How does this reveal that God’s compassion and grace reach us before we ever get our lives completely figured out?
- Why are we often tempted to negotiate a "repayment plan" with God rather than simply receiving His unconditional grace?
- How does this passage challenge the idea that church or faith requires someone to clean up their life before they can draw near to Jesus?

**Read Luke 19:1-10**

- Jesus specifically called out Zacchaeus by name and invited Himself to his home. What does this teach us about the power of intentional, personal connection over public judgment?
- How does receiving undeserved grace naturally lead to genuine heart change?

**Read Romans 15:5-7**

- How should remembering how Jesus welcomed us change how we treat newcomers, guests, or people who are different from us?
- What are some subtle ways churches or small groups accidentally create barriers that make others feel like "outsiders"? How can we avoid creating those barriers?

 **Personal Reflection**

Is there any area of your life where you've been waiting to get fixed before bringing it to Jesus, and how can you surrender that to Him?

**October Memory Verse:** “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9