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Coming Home

No matter how far you have gone, the Father is watching the road.

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FOR THE SOUL WINNER

1. Read it **with** them. Hold it so they can see.
2. Stop at each **gold box**. Ask the question. Then be quiet and listen.
3. When they are ready, pray the prayer near the end together, one line at a time.

He had wanted freedom. He took his inheritance, left his father's house and spent every dollar in a far country. Now he was feeding pigs, so hungry the pig food looked good. And he remembered home. *(Luke 15:11-32)*

Jesus told this story for anyone who has ever thought, *I've gone too far.* Here are four scenes from it.

1 The Father's house

The son started out loved, provided for and welcome. So did you. God made you to live close to Him.

> *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."*
>
> **JEREMIAH 29:11**

ASK

Was there a time in your life when you felt closer to God than you do now?

2 The far country

Every one of us has walked away in some way. Doing it our way. Chasing what promised life and left us empty. That is sin, and it always costs more than it promised.

> *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*
>
> ROMANS 3:23

ASK

What has the "far country" cost you?

3 The Father runs

The son practiced his speech all the way home. But he never finished it. The father saw him a long way off and *ran*. That is God's heart. On the cross, Jesus paid the price so the Father could run to you.

> *"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him."*
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> LUKE 15:20

> *"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*
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> ROMANS 5:8

ASK

What do you think God says when He sees you turn toward home?

4 The walk home

You don't have to clean up first. You can't. Just come to the Father through Jesus, as you are. He receives you, forgives you, and His goodness turns your heart around.

> *"Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?"*
>
> ROMANS 2:4

> *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*
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> 1 JOHN 1:9

ASK

What is keeping you from coming home today?

Let's talk about it

1. WHERE IT HURTS
   What do you miss most about being close to God?
2. WHAT YOU FEAR
   Are you afraid you've gone too far for God to take you back?
3. IMAGINE
   Imagine the Father running to you, arms open, saying, "Welcome home."
4. YOUR DECISION
   Are you ready to start the walk home today?

No pressure. Take your time. God is patient, and He is here.

> *"I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance."*
>
> LUKE 15:7

A WORD FROM DON

No matter how far away from God you feel, be encouraged. If God can take somebody like me and do what He did, He can change anybody.

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Pray this to God

Start the walk home right now. Pray this to your Father.

Jesus, here is my life. I believe You are the Son of God. I believe You died on the cross for my sins and rose again. I can't make myself good enough, so I receive Your grace as a gift. Come into my heart. Forgive me of everything. Wash me and make me clean. Take over my life and have Your way in me. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Give me the desire and the strength to turn from sin, to say no to what displeases You and yes to what pleases You. Change my heart. Thank You for making me new. In Jesus' name, amen.

Did you pray that prayer?

Then here is what God says about you today. Not what you feel. What He says.

- ✓ Your sins are forgiven. *1 John 1:9*
- ✓ You are a child of God. *John 1:12*
- ✓ You have eternal life, starting right now. *1 John 5:13*
- ✓ Jesus will never leave you. *Hebrews 13:5*

> *"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life."*
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> **1 JOHN 5:13**

Your next steps

1. **Tell someone.** Tell the person who gave you this, or tell us. Heaven is already celebrating.
2. **Talk to God every day.** Just talk. He is listening.
3. **Read the Bible.** Start with the Gospel of John, one chapter a day.
4. **Find a church family.** A Bible-believing church where Jesus is lifted up.
5. **Be baptized.** Show the world you belong to Jesus. *Acts 2:38*

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Did you give your life to Jesus today?

We want to celebrate with you and help you take your next step. Tell us. It is free, and someone will pray for you.

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My story

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I didn't grow up in church, and I didn't know God. I was living a sinful lifestyle, lost and without hope. Then one night, at 18, I walked into a church, fell on my knees at the altar and gave my heart to Jesus. I was bound, but now I'm free. If God can take somebody like me and do what He did, He can change anybody. No matter how far away you feel, be encouraged. If I wasn't saved, I would get saved today. It is so worth it!

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