

COMING HOME: Grace

2/22/26

Day 1 – BROKEN: When Life Falls Apart

Scripture:

Luke 15:17 *“When he came to his senses...”*

In the story of the prodigal son, the youngest son takes his inheritance early and wastes everything and ends up with nothing. He eventually finds himself tired, dirty, tempted to eat the slop he is giving some ones pigs. The younger son didn't plan to end up feeding pigs.

He planned freedom.

He planned independence.

He planned a better life.

But eventually, the illusion collapsed.

And that's often where grace begins.

Not when we're impressive.

Not when we're strong.

Not when we're performing well.

Grace begins when we stop pretending.

Brokenness is not the end of your story. It's often the beginning of clarity. When the noise quiets and the consequences settle in, something sacred can happen, you come to your senses.

You wake up.

You realize, “This isn't working.”

And that realization is not shame. It's mercy.

1. Where in your life have you been pretending things are fine when they're not?

Day 2 – BELOVED: Grace Runs Toward You

Scripture:

Luke 15:20 *“While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran to his son...”*

Before the apology was finished, the father was already embracing.

Before the son proved anything, he was already restored.

This is what makes grace so disruptive.

We assume God waits for improvement.

We assume God demands proof.

We assume God stands back until we get it together.

But the father runs.

Grace does not come after change. Grace is what creates change.

Belovedness trumps brokenness.

You are not loved because you fixed your life.

You are loved because God’s heart is love.

1. Do you believe God is moving toward you — or waiting for you to perform?

Day 3 – BELONGING: Loved Into Identity

Scripture:

Luke 15:22–23 *“Bring the best robe... put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet...”*

Three things stand out to me about after the loving embrace of the Father

The robe was public.

The ring was symbolic.

The sandals meant sonship.

The father didn’t just forgive quietly. He restored loudly.

Belonging is not something you behave your way into.

You are loved into it.

Grace restores identity before it restores activity.

We often try to earn belonging through performance, at work, in friendships, even in church. But grace says you don’t build identity; you receive it.

You are not a servant trying to impress God.

You are a son or daughter invited into His house.

1. Where are you trying to earn belonging instead of receiving it?

Day 4 – THE OTHER SON: When Goodness Hides Distance

Scripture:

Luke 15:28 — *“The older brother became angry and refused to go in.”*

The older brother never left home.

He obeyed.

He worked.

He followed the rules.

And yet, he was just as distant from the father’s heart.

Grace doesn’t just confront rebellion.

It confronts pride.

You can stay close to religious activity and still be far from relational intimacy. You can obey and still miss joy. You can do everything right and still not trust the Father’s generosity.

Rebellion and religion are two different ways of staying in control.

Grace dismantles both.

1. Have you been relating to God through performance rather than trust?

Day 5 – BUILDING & BRIDGING: Grace Moves Toward Others

Scripture:

Luke 15:20, 28 *“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.*

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.

The father leaves the house twice.

Once to embrace the runaway.

Once to plead with the resentful.

Grace moves toward people.

And when grace truly reshapes your heart, you begin to move toward people too.

You build in a broken world not by standing above others, but by stepping toward them.

You bridge not with superiority, but with compassion.

The grace you receive becomes the grace you extend.

1. Who in your life needs you to move toward them the way God moved toward you?

Closing Encouragement

Grace is not for the worthy.

It is for the willing.

And every day, the invitation remains the same:

Come home.