

THE CASE FOR CHRIST SERMON SERIES

Sermon 3: Embracing the Truth of Christ

Luke 15:11-24

The Return Home, Luke 15:11-24

In Jesus' story, a young man seeks to live life his own way, out from under the authority of his father. So, he leaves his father and makes a series of choices that leaves him in despair, longing for home.

Yet, something has come between him and his father. His wayward life.

Sometimes, believers allow decisions they make to draw them away from their own relationship with their heavenly Father. Often times, we too must have that moment of clarity that wandering through life apart from a vibrant relationship with God just simply doesn't work.

But, we're left with obstacles that would keep us from coming home to Him. People will look at me differently. People will judge me. Let's boil it down to the most common factor: Pride.

Like the prodigal son in Jesus' story, when we make poor choices that drive us away from a close relationship to God, we must come to our senses and swallow our pride if we're going to once again experience the closeness with God. For you, I urge you to **Return Home**.

The Way Home, John 14:2-6

When Thomas asked Jesus how he could know the way, Jesus answered him (and all who ask that question): "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

Embracing The Truth, John 1:12

BELIEVE + RECEIVE = BECOME

The *Receive* part is what we're doing when we call on the name of the Lord. That's how we receive his salvation. And after we've believed his truth, received his grace and forgiveness, and become a child of God.