



# Coming Home

14 DAYS | WEEK 2 | DAVE D'ANGELO

*The word “home” brings to mind before anything else, a place...and not just the place where you happen to be living at the time, but a very special place with very special attributes which make it clearly distinguishable from all other places.*

*(It's a place) where you have rich and complex feelings about a place where you feel or did feel once uniquely at home which is to say a place where you feel you belong and that in some sense that place belongs to you, a place where you feel that all is somehow ultimately well even if things aren't going all that well at any given moment...*

*I suspect that those who never had such a place in actuality had instead some kind of dream of such a home which for them played an equally crucial part... No matter how much the world shatters us to pieces, we carry inside of us a vision of wholeness that we sense is our true home and that beckons to us.*

Frederick Buchner, *The Longing for Home*

Our pictures of home are different but the words we use to describe it are the same.

## **The Home in Luke 15 is a place where:**

- **The who was more important than the what and where. (Luke 15:12)**
- **It is safe to be real, vulnerable, and honest. (Luke 15:26-27)**
- **Inclusion not exclusion fills the air. (Luke 15:23-24)**
- **Sacrificial love is seen, felt, and heard. (John 15:13)**
- **Celebration is public and correction is private. (Luke 15:28)**

Many of us long for that home and have hurt and wounds from how our homes fell short.

**Freedom prayer:** [www.northway.org/freedomprayer](http://www.northway.org/freedomprayer)

How do we get the home our heart desires and longs for? We don't make that home. **Jesus does.**

Pursue Jesus. Pursuit is the proof of desire.

**Psalm 127:1-2**

Unless the Lord builds the house,  
those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the Lord watches over the city,  
the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early  
and go late to rest,  
eating the bread of anxious toil;  
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

**Prayer:**

God is there anything I need to repent of? (Where have I valued what more than who?)

Am I caught up in correction? God is it safe to be real and honest and vulnerable around me? Do I expect to be sacrificed for rather than sacrifice?

God, how do you want me to pursue you?

