

# Welcome Home

Part three of the series, "The Family Journey"

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**Sunday, June 16, 2019 • Pastor Tim Ma**

## **Luke 15:11-24 ESV**

### **HUMILITY before God leads to connection with God.**

*"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you... Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you." (James 4:8, 10 ESV)*

### **CONFESSION precedes restoration.**

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9 NIV)*

### **God seeks to RECONCILE with us through His Son, Jesus.**

*"...In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them...<sup>20</sup>We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."  
(2 Corinthians 5:19, 20-21 ESV)*

*"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:1-2 ESV)*

### **An eternal family REUNION lies ahead.**

*"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!..." (1 John 3:1 NIV)*

*"... 'What must I do to be saved?' <sup>31</sup>And they said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' <sup>32</sup>And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family." (Acts 16:30-33 ESV)*