



## Find Your Way Back | Part 5

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### Big Idea

Live from God's love, not for it.

### Luke 15:23-32

<sup>23</sup> And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast,  
<sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began.  
<sup>25</sup> "Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house,  
<sup>26</sup> and he asked one of the servants what was going on.  
<sup>27</sup> 'Your brother is back,' he was told, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.'  
<sup>28</sup> "The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him,  
<sup>29</sup> but he replied, 'All these years I've slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends.  
<sup>30</sup> Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!'  
<sup>31</sup> "His father said to him, 'Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours.  
<sup>32</sup> We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!'"

### Philippians 3:7-14

<sup>7</sup> I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done.  
<sup>8</sup> Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ  
<sup>9</sup> and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith.  
<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death,

<sup>11</sup> so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

<sup>12</sup> I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.

<sup>13</sup> No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,

<sup>14</sup> I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

### What does living FROM God's love look like?

- KNOW Jesus personally (*Psalms 63:1-8*)
- GROW in Biblical community (*Galatians 6:1-4*)
- GO live generously (*John 3:16*)

### Psalms 63:1-8

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God;

I earnestly search for you.

My soul thirsts for you;

my whole body longs for you

in this parched and weary land

where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup> I have seen you in your sanctuary

and gazed upon your power and glory.

<sup>3</sup> Your unfailing love is better than life itself;

how I praise you!

<sup>4</sup> I will praise you as long as I live,

lifting up my hands to you in prayer.

<sup>5</sup> You satisfy me more than the richest feast.

I will praise you with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup> I lie awake thinking of you,

meditating on you through the night.

<sup>7</sup> Because you are my helper,

I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings.

<sup>8</sup> I cling to you;

your strong right hand holds me securely.

### Galatians 6:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.

<sup>2</sup> Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

<sup>3</sup> If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.

<sup>4</sup> Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else.

#### Am I in community where I am...

- Known?
- Accepted?
- Supported?
- Developed?

Known & Accepted makes me vulnerable.

Supported & Developed makes me unstoppable.

#### John 3:16

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

#### If I live FOR God's love, I will...

- look out for myself
- be frustrated by God's love
- struggle to show God's love

#### Response

- Am I meditating on the Word and celebrating in worship?
- What's your choice?
- Will you join the party?
- Will you help throw the parties?