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FAMILY MATTERS

A PLACE TO RETURN

1. God's household — Ephesians 2:19

- A. The modern American family vs. the ancient Greek family.
- B. God's household is highly diverse and widely inclusive.

2. Grace for the lost — Luke 15:11-24

- A. There is room for failure. (v. 12-13)
- B. We don't shoot the wounded or shun the fallen. (v. 21-24)
- C. Counterexample: The older brother wants the younger brother punished. (v. 28-30)
- D. We don't know the older brother's ultimate response.

3. We're a family that loves

- A. Love isn't a feeling—It's a commitment — Acts 2:42
- B. Love doesn't serve the self—It serves the other — Luke 22:27
- C. Love isn't always nice—It pushes us toward holiness — II Corinthians 2:4
- D. Love isn't only for the loveable—It's for our enemies too — Luke 6:35