September 7th, 2025 Better Together - Week 1

Question: What is a well known theme of the Bible?

Here's our Truth, we are all (or have been) prodigals at some point, and the greater truth is, there are a lot more prodigals in our communities who have yet to find their way back to the Father!

If our Back to Church campaign had a mission statement, maybe it would go something like this? <u>Helping people find their way back to God.</u>

Question: So how do we go beyond merely "HOPING" people find their way back to God, to actually "HELPING" people find their way back to God?

I. Abraham

Genesis 12:1-3 NIV

God told Abraham - I'm not blessing you so you can hoard it or just reflect on how good it feels to be blessed. I'm blessing you so I can bless others through you!!

II. Jesus

Mark 10:13,16

<u>Luke 19:1-4 NIV</u>

Luke 19:9-10 NIV

Galatians 3:7-9 NIV

The same promise of BLESSING to Abraham is a promise to us if we choose to follow Jesus!

This BLESSING was never meant to be something we keep to ourselves. Jesus said that if we believe in him, streams of living water would flow from within us.

Our lives aren't meant to be Buckets of Blessing for us to hoard and hold onto, we're springs, where the blessings bubble, and flow out from us!

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 NIV

Here's the message we should be sharing:

- God isn't counting our sins against us!
- You can have a fresh start!