SERMONNOTES

For God so Loved pt.1 November 1, 2026

Welcome Home!

A Vision to Change the World

… by equipping **YOU** (with a vision) to change **YOUR** world …

Proverbs 29:18

If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed. (Msg)

1. **A Glance in the _____.**

   Luke 15:11–19

   - **Disgrace** (Luke 15:17-19)
   - **Shame** (John 4:16-29)
   - **Helpless** (John 5:5-9)
   - **Hopeless** (Luke 8:26-36)

2. **A Glimpse of the _____.**

   Luke 15:20–24

   - **Anticipates** (v 20b)
   - **Embraces** (v 20c)
   - **Restores** (vs 21-22)
   - **Celebrates** (vs 23-24)

3. **For God Loved — So He _____.**

   John 3:16 –18

   - **His Son –** to save us
   - **His Spirit –** to empower us (John 14:15-17)
   - **His Church –** to change us (Ephesians 4:11-16)

"Before we ever took a step toward God, His love was already reaching toward us."

4. **Welcome Home!**

   2 Corinthians 5:18-20

"The church is Christ's body on earth—a family through whom people can encounter His love, hear His invitation, and see His grace at work. When we welcome people in His name, we give them a glimpse of the Father's heart."

ADMIT **BELIEVE** **CHOOSE**

Reflect and Discuss

1. **A glance in the mirror:** Where do you see yourself in the returning son's story? What might shame, helplessness, or hopelessness keep you from bringing to the Father?

2. **A glimpse of the Father:** He anticipates, embraces, restores, and celebrates. Which expression of His love do you most need to experience today, and why?

3. **For God so loved, He gave:** How have you experienced Jesus saving you, the Spirit empowering you, and the church helping you change?

4. **On earth as in heaven:** How have people at Manna helped you experience the Father's welcome? Who could you thank this week?

5. **A spiritual legacy:** Who in your world needs a glimpse of the Father's heart? How could your testimony and welcome help that person take a step toward Him?

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH US

The holiday season is here, and there are so many exciting things happening at Manna!
From special celebrations to opportunities to serve and connect, there's something for everyone.
Visit our website's Events page or scan the QR code to see what's coming up and sign up.
We'd love to celebrate the season with you!

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