



## Sermon Notes / Outline

April 26, 2026

### COME HOME, Week 4 THE RIGHT WAY TO COME HOME

*"I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."* Luke 15:7 (NIV)

*"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."* Luke 15:10 (NIV)

*"I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men. So he got up and went to his father."* Luke 15:18-20a (NIV)

*"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. But the father said to his servants, Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. So they began to celebrate."* Luke 15:20b-24 (NIV)

*"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. Your brother has come, he replied, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound."* Luke 15:25-27 (NIV)

*"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!"* Luke 15:28-30 (NIV)

*"My son, the father said, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."* Luke 15:31-32 (NIV)

### HOW TO ACT LIKE THE FATHER INSTEAD OF THE OLDER BROTHER

1. Acknowledge my ugly tendency to act like the \_\_\_\_\_

2. Focus on \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_

*"For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."* Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV)

3. Respond with \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_

4. Celebrate \_\_\_\_\_. Don't relive \_\_\_\_\_

5. Meet them on the \_\_\_\_\_. Don't make them walk \_\_\_\_\_

Key Truth: I can \_\_\_\_\_

### HOW TO TREAT PEOPLE WHEN THEY COME HOME

1) \_\_\_\_\_

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