

— THE — POWER OF STORY

Part 6

Coming Home

This past Sunday Pastor John continued *The Power of Story*. During this series we invite you to look with us at the power of story to change us. Jesus' parables can help us to understand and put into practice our faith. Meet with someone at work, your family, or find a place to do it alone or with a friend. Let's grow and do life together during this series.

Now when a large crowd was coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him, He spoke by way of a parable. Luke 8:4

1. The story we looked at this weekend was about a son who is lost and later found. It is a story about sin, repentance, and it ultimately focuses on God's forgiving love (read Luke 15:11-32). How does this parable remind you of your own story?
2. Some get lost by running away like the younger brother and others get lost when they stay home and fail to see grace all around them. We all desperately need grace and God's love for everyone is the same. Don't fail to understand the father's love and become jealous when you see others being blessed. Instead, take the limits off God, He wants to do great things in your life.
3. Pastor John shared some life truths from this story:
 - There's no perfect family
 - Wicked plans do not please the Lord
 - Self-serving demands exclude God's plan for us
 - There will be times that we hit rock bottom
 - Sometimes God allows it so that we discover that He is the rock at the bottom
 - God's best work is in the lowest part of our lives
 - Even at rock bottom we have options or choices
 - God our Father is waiting for us to return to Him
 - God is waiting for us to come home and running after us
 - God's love for us is greater than our failures
4. Do you need to come home today? He is waiting for you. Do it right now.

Close in prayer