Finding your way back to God : Awakening to Help

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\*Note to Leaders: Dave Ferguson’s material “Finding Your Way Back to God” is available on Right Now Media in short videos

**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Thinking back on this week’s sermon, is there a particular point you recall that caught your attention or you found challenging or confusing?
2. Read **Luke 15:11-24**. Review some of the things you have underlined in your Bible from previous sermons. Why do you think Jesus told this story?
3. Read **Mark 10:17-23** and contrast this true story of a rich young man with the story of the young son in Luke 15. What made the son in Luke 15 “come to his senses” and return to his father and what kept the rich young man in Mark 10 from doing that? Share some things in your life that made you come to your senses and return to the Father.
4. What are some ways this story shows the amazing love of the father? (publicly humiliated himself, etc.) Jesus used this story as a way to show how much God our Father loves us. How do you see God’s love for *you*?
5. Pastor Brian said, “there’s help and that help has a name. It’s Jesus.” If your life is pretty successful and you don’t struggle with any addictions or similar problems, what kind of help do you need from Jesus?” (Read **Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23**)
6. In this story, the son wanted to return to his father as a servant but his

father received him as a son. Read **Romans** **8:14-17**. Because Jesus came to take your guilt and shame, how will God receive you if you trust Him and return to Him? What does this mean in your life today? Can you call Him “Abba” (Daddy)?

**Next Steps:**  Continue with the 24-day challenge

**Prayer Thought:**

*Father, we thank You that You are a good, good Father who is always longing for us to return to you—whether we’ve been away for seconds or decades. Help us see more clearly how much You love us and understand how great a gift it is to be called Your children. Help us love others as You love us.*