The Long Way Home
Franklin Heights Church
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Text: Luke 15:17-24 (ESV)

Luke 15:13 (ESV)
Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

Luke 15:14 (ESV)
And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.

Luke 15:15 (ESV)
So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

Luke 15:16 (ESV)
And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

Luke 15:17-20a (ESV)
"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father.

Luke 15:12 (ESV)
And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them.

1. The Father is waiting for _____ to come home.

Luke 15:20b (ESV)
But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him . . .

2. The Father will _____ you home.

Luke 15:20b (ESV)
But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

- **He _____**
- **He _____**
- **He _____**

3. The Father will _____ you when you return home.

Luke 15:18-19 (ESV)
I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."'

Luke 15:21 (ESV)
And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

Luke 15:22 (ESV)
But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.

Isaiah 61:10 (ESV)
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Luke 15:23-24a (ESV)
And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.'

Luke 15:24b (ESV)
And they began to celebrate.

Matthew 27:46 (ESV)
And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"