

Good News Series
Far From God
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Opening

-(talk about growing up with a curfew)

-What was your go to lie when you were late as a teenager?

-If you feel far from God, if you are struggling with feelings of being late coming home to Him, if you aren't sure what you are going to find when you take that step...tonight is for you.

Overjoyed

-Luke 15:11-32 (insert comments along the way)

1. Prodigal actually means wasteful, reckless, extravagant
2. Prodigal describes the actions of the son
3. Prodigal describes the sentiments of the father
4. Prodigal describes the attitude of the son

-Luke 15:1-7... **"rejoice with me!"**

-Luke 15:8-10... "rejoice with me!"

-What does coming home look like?

- 1. verbalize your desperation revelation**
- 2. occupy places of worship**
- 3. lean into the feelings that come**
- 4. talk with someone who's been there before**

Patient

>Would you be willing to be as patient with yourself as God promises to be with you?

-Exodus 34:6

> **Jesus sees both where you are and who you will become... stop just seeing yourself through the lens of your past!**

-John 1:44-48

-Listen to these verses about God's patience...

1. **Romans 2:4**
2. **2 Peter 3:9**
3. **Psalm 86:15**
4. **Colossian 3:12**

-Participation brings transformation...

Accompanied (just the right number of people based on who you are)

-**Exodus 12:4**

-If Jesus is the Passover Lamb, then we are supposed to be sharing Him with one another.

-**John 19:25-27**

- **Relationships you didn't know you needed**
- **Relationships you didn't know needed you**

-1 Corinthians 12:14-21

Band

-I want to close with a few more comments on **thoughts you will have to overcome...**

- Everyone else here has it all together...
- When they find out your story, they will reject you...
- You've been here before, why try again...
- Everyone already thinks you've got it all together...