

Be-Longing The Father's Heart

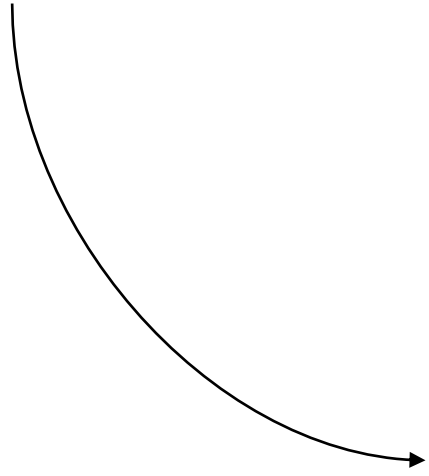
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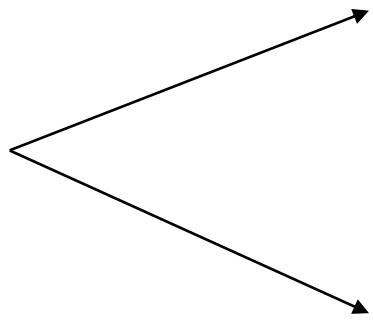
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Longing for...

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to rest [Peace / Shalom]

a family



“Orphans labor for favor and
identity, but a son begins from a
place of acceptance”

— Elias Tan JS



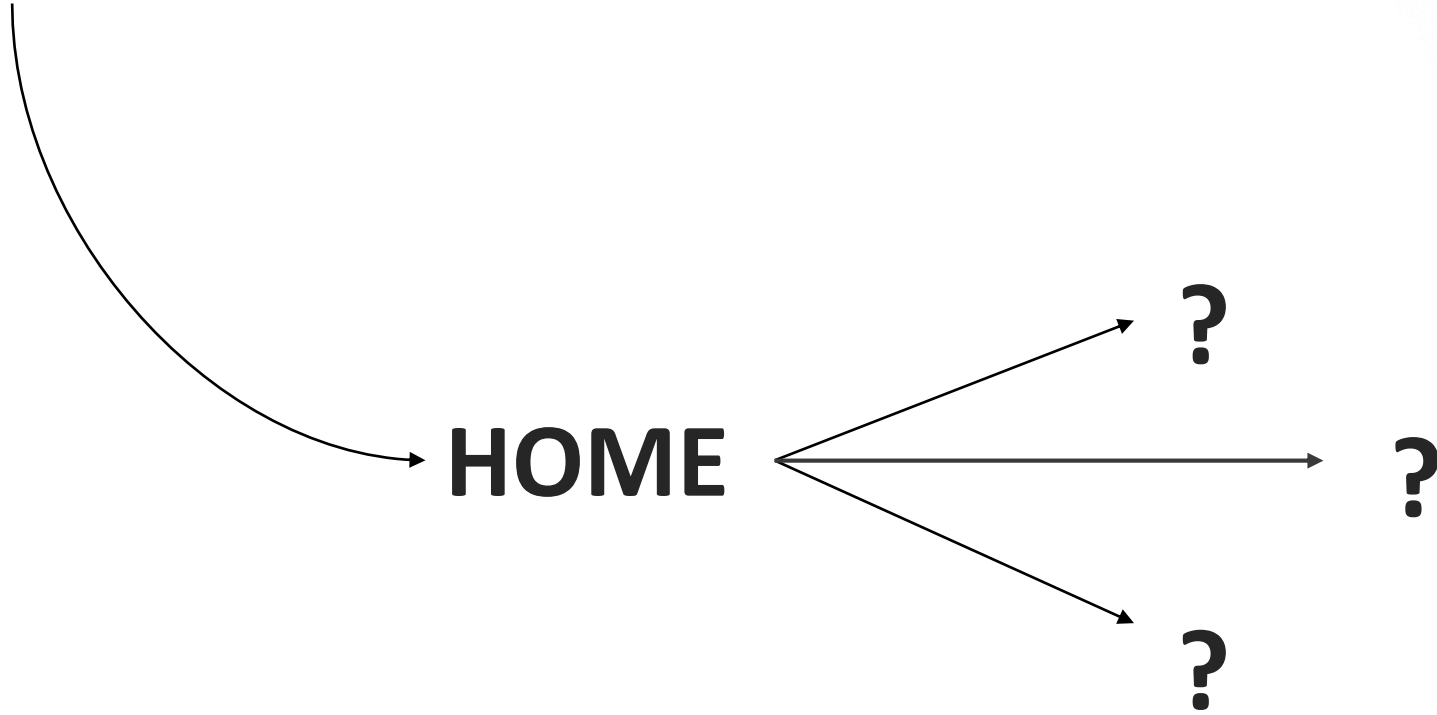
1. The Father's Heart: Blessing in Belonging

What are the blessings of
belonging?



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1.1 Scripture:

Luke 15:11-32 (HCSB) The Parable of the Lost Son

11 He also said: “A man had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the estate I have coming to me.’ So he distributed the assets to them. 13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all he had and traveled to a distant country, where he squandered his estate in foolish living. 14 After he had spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he had nothing.



15 Then he went to work for one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to eat his fill from the carob pods the pigs were eating, but no one would give him any. 17 When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have more than enough food, and here I am dying of hunger! 18 I'll get up, go to my father, and say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. 19 I'm no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired hands.' 20 So he got up and went to his father. But while the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him.



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21 The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I'm no longer worthy to be called your son.'
22 "But the father told his slaves, 'Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Then bring the fattened calf and slaughter it, and let's celebrate with a feast, 24 because this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' So they began to celebrate.



...28 “Then he became angry and didn’t want to go in. So his father came out and pleaded with him. 29 But he replied to his father, ‘Look, I have been slaving many years for you, and I have never disobeyed your orders, yet you never gave me a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.’ 31 “‘Son,’ he said to him, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”



1.2 Belonging Blessings Require...:

We need to:

1. Willful decision I 'Came to His senses'
2. Humility, humility, humility
3. Repentance: 'I have sinned against you...'
4. Returning I Going back I Action
5. Fully I Whole self

Then: Redemption and total restoration – love and blessing
and acceptance of the Father



1.3 Belonging Blessings Are...:

From belonging:

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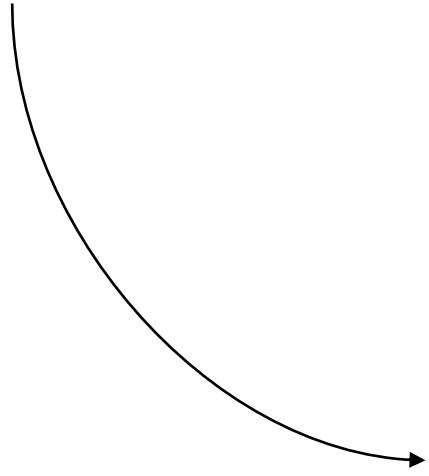
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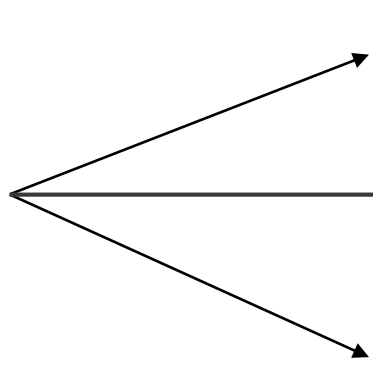
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Identity [robe]



Authority [ring]



Destiny [sandals]



1. Robe of IDENTITY



The Father covered him again – with the best
Clothed him with new identity and belonging again

Galatians 3:26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.



Mark 10:46-52 (NKJV) Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus



...49 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.” 50 And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. 51 So Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?” The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.” 52 Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.



2. Ring of AUTHORITY

Like a signet ring. Power of attorney. Act on behalf.



Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the



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end of the age.” Amen.

Luke 10:19 (NKJV) Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.



3. Sandals of DESTINY

Proverbs 16:9 (HCSB) A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord determines his steps.

Destiny defined: something to which a person or thing is destined

PLAN or COURSE of my life which God would choose if I ask Him



Jeremiah 29:11(ESV)

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Luke 2:49 ...my Father's business

Like Christ, we can have a strong sense of destiny. We know that God has a plan for our lives.



The Father's Blessings –

Prayer



Prayer: The Father's Heart

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