

SORRY KIDS



NO MORE SNOW DAYS

BOSSES BE LIKE

**YOU STILL COMIN IN,
RIGHT?**

A young child, likely a toddler, is standing in a snowy outdoor setting. The child is wearing a blue hooded winter jacket and dark pants. The child's mouth is open, and they appear to be calling out. The background shows a house and some snow-covered bushes.

HEY ELSA?

**THE COLD BOTHERS
THE REST OF US.**

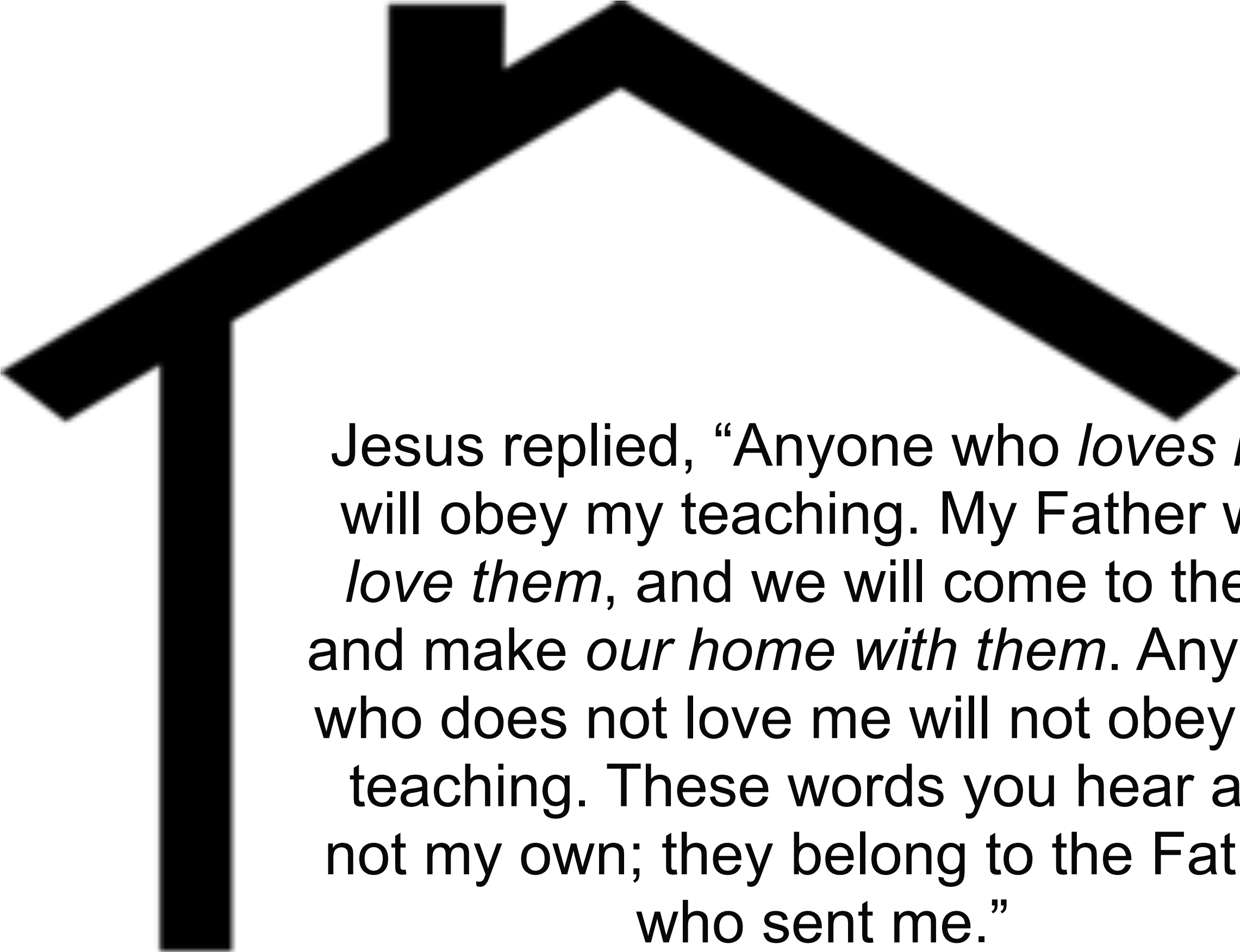


**WHEN YOU SPILL YOUR COFFEE
IN NORTH DAKOTA**



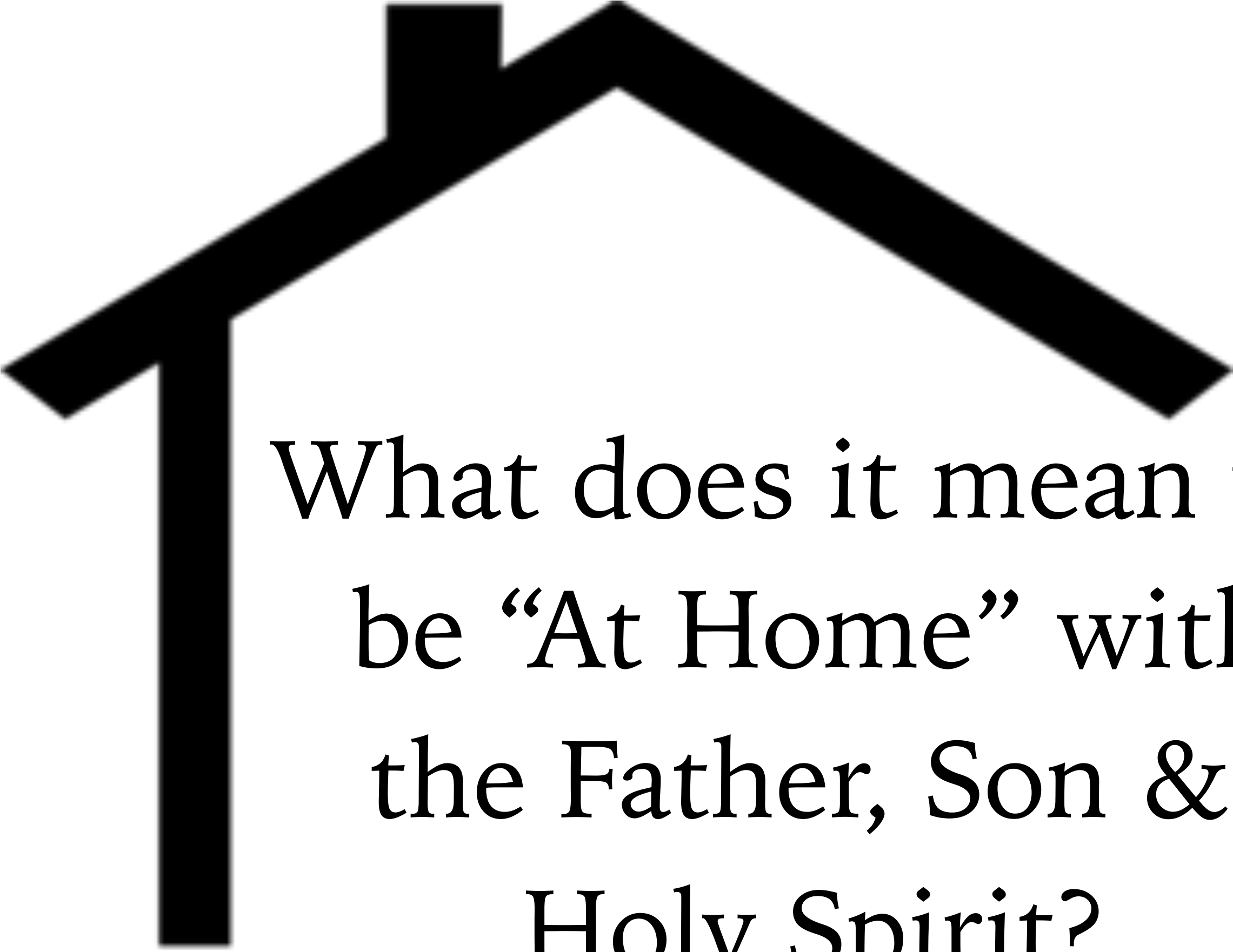
I Am

Home!



Jesus replied, “Anyone who *loves me* will obey my teaching. My Father will *love them*, and we will come to them and make *our home with them*. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.”

John 14:23-24 NIV



What does it mean to
be “At Home” with
the Father, Son &
Holy Spirit?

“A Bid can be a question, a gesture, a look, a touch— a single expression that says, ‘I want to feel connected to you.’”

-John Gotten
pg. 68

I'D LIKE YOU
MORE
IF YOU WERE
MORE LIKE ME

GETTING REAL ABOUT GETTING CLOSE



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***“When invitations
are not
recognized or
embraced,
relationships
tend to die.”***

pg, 71

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Jesus' Bid: "Follow Me"

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28

The calling of Levi in Luke 5:27; Philip in John 1:43

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they *follow me*."
John 10:27

"He said to another man, "*Follow me*"
-Luke 9:59

"Then he said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and *follow me*.'" Luke 9:23

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever *follows me* will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" John 8:12

1: Don't Confuse
Movement With Progress

Luke 15:11-18

2: Don't Lose Sight of What
You Have in God:

Luke 15:28-32

- 1: Have we been acting like we have to work for God's love...proving/striving to show him we can earn it?
- 2: How could the son miss out on the day-to-day love of Father, who was ever present?

3: Don't Forget Who Gave
You Everything:

Luke 15:31

1 Praise the Lord. [a]

How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

2

The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3

He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

4

He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.

5

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.

6

The Lord sustains the humble
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7

Sing to the Lord with grateful praise;
make music to our God on the harp.

8

He covers the sky with clouds;
he supplies the earth with rain
and makes grass grow on the hills.

9

He provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they call.

10

His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;

11

the Lord delights in those who fear him,
who put their hope in his unfailing love.

Psalm 147:1-11

4: “Being Restored vs. Being Right”

-Darin Poly

Exec. Pastor @ RiverValley Church

Luke 15:32

5: “Keep The Main Thing
The Main Thing!”

vs. 32

Jesus created
“bids for intimacy”
wherever he went.

But his greatest bid was...

“Follow Me”!

“Here is the overwhelming truth: this is a wild love. A love difficult to comprehend and more unsettling, a love we are unable to restrain. The flesh, the broken part of our humanity, longs to be in command, longs to be able to identify finite lines of understanding so that we can master that understanding, feel safe, and be in control. The love of this father is anything but safe and predictable.”

–Jamie George

“Love Well” @ bible.com/plans

1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,
2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of
this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit
who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us
also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of
our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest,
we were by nature deserving of wrath.

4 *But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,* 5
made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in
transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And
God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the
heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:1-6

**“Paul asks for help to grasp not
God’s righteousness but “how
wide and long and high and
deep is the love of Christ.”
(Ephesians 3:18)**

*– Timothy Keller,
pg, 345; The Songs of Jesus*

**Who needs to answer the
bid from Jesus...
“Follow Me”?**

**Are you “At Home” with
Papa God or are you out
“slaving”/“Getting It Done”
for God that you are
missing the love of the
Father?**