

No More Wandering

Joshua 5:9-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

How does it feel to be *away from* home or *at* home?

1. The W_____ Back (Luke 15:11-32)

Our problem: we have wandered away (Isaiah 53:6).

a. We want to **go our own way**.

Descent into shame:

- 1) Shame in rejecting his father.
- 2) Shame in squandering his property.
- 3) Shame in working a repulsive job.
- 4) Shame in starving when the pigs were getting fat.

b. We find **life is incomplete without God**.

How did I get to this point?

How am I going to get out of this?

c. We want to know God but we have **the wrong perception of God**.

d. We are shocked to realize that **God loves us just the way we are**.

2. The New L_____ (Joshua 5:9-12)

a. **The disgrace of the past was gone**

Psalm 103:8-13

b. **A new quality of life**

3. The Renewed P_____ (2 Corinthians 5:16-21)

a. **New awareness of Christ (v. 16)**

b. **New creation in Christ (vv. 17, 19)**

c. **New Ministry (v. 20)**

Luke 15:24 “And they began to celebrate.”

(Answers: 1) Welcome, 2) Life, 3) Purpose)