

Space for God Homecoming Celebration

PREPARATION

Hear me, Lord, and have mercy on me.
Help me, O Lord. Psalm 30:10

CONFESSION

Then I realized that my heart was bitter,
and I was all torn up inside.
I was so foolish and ignorant—
I must have seemed like a senseless animal to you.
**Yet I still belong to you;
you hold my right hand.**
**You guide me with your counsel,
leading me to a glorious destiny.** Psalm 73:31-24

WORSHIP

You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing.
**You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with
joy, that I might sing praises to you and not be silent.**
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever! Psalm 30:11-12

MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION — Luke 15:25-32*

“Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, and he asked one of the servants what was going on. ‘Your brother is back,’ he was told, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.’

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	What does the text say?
Respond	How does it relate to my life?
Rest	I welcome God’s healing and renewal.

“The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in. His father came out and begged him, but he replied, ‘All these years I’ve slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!’

“His father said to him, ‘Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate this happy day. For

your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!’”

ANCHORING PRAYER

"Father, you love me unconditionally."

REVIEW OF THE HEART (previous 24 hours)

*When did I sense my heavenly Father’s joy in me as his child?
What anger, bitterness, or resentment am I holding on to?*

WISDOM

"Joy and resentment cannot coexist. The music and dancing, instead of inviting to joy, become a cause for even greater withdrawal." -Henri Nouwen

A stone is heavy and sand is weighty, but the resentment caused by a fool is even heavier. Proverbs 27:3

But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me. Psalm 13:5

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.*

BENEDICTION

All who seek the Lord will praise him.

Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy.

The whole earth will acknowledge the Lord and return to him.

All the families of the nations will bow down before him.

[Amen]

Psalm 22:26b-27

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit’s filling and

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.