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My Father's House
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Care Group Discussion Guide Celebration Church

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The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-24)

- The prodigal son did not appreciate the blessings of his father's house, and he wanted more than what he had been given (v. 12).
 - A lack of gratitude causes us to miss the blessings that are right in front of us.
- He was sent to feed swine (v. 15).
 - You create a spiritual pigpen when you desire things that are not in the Father's house.
- He came to himself and recognized where he was (v. 17).
- A robe was put on him (v. 22).
 - This is the robe of righteousness (Isaiah 61:10).
 - You must be clothed in righteousness to enter the Father's house (Matthew 22:1-13).
- Sandals were put on him (v. 22).
 - Sandals (shoes) are a sign of freedom, and they protect your feet from rocks and thorns.
 - The peace of God protects us from harm (Ephesians 6:14-15; Philippians 4:6-7).
- The joy in the Father's house is never ending (v. 24).

What is in Our Father's House

- **Overflowing Joy (Psalm 16:11; Isaiah 12:3, 35:10)**
- **Intoxicating Love (Song of Solomon 2:4-5; Zephaniah 3:17; 1 John 3:1)**
 - The words "banqueting house" in Song of Solomon 2:4 are actually "house of intoxicating love."
 - **Heaven is A World of Love by Jonathan Edwards**
 - "But heaven is his dwelling-place above all other places in the universe; and all those places in which he was said to dwell of old, were but types of this. Heaven is a part of creation that God has built for this end, to be the place of his glorious presence, and it is his abode forever; and here will he dwell, and gloriously manifest himself to all eternity. And this renders heaven a world of love; for God is the fountain of love, as the sun is the fountain of light. And therefore the glorious presence of God in heaven, fills heaven with love, as the sun, placed in the midst of the visible heavens in a clear day, fills the world with light. The apostle tells us that "God is love;" and therefore, seeing he is an infinite being, it follows that he is an infinite fountain of love. Seeing he is an all-sufficient being, it follows that he is a full and over-flowing, and inexhaustible fountain of love. And in that he is an unchangeable and eternal being, he is an unchangeable and eternal fountain of love. There, even in heaven, dwells the God from whom every stream of holy

love, yea, every drop that is, or ever was, proceeds. There dwells God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, united as one, in infinitely dear, and incomprehensible, and mutual, and eternal love. There dwells God the Father, who is the father of mercies, and so the father of love, who so loved the world as to give his only-begotten Son to die for it. There dwells Christ, the Lamb of God, the prince of peace and of love, who so loved the world that he shed his blood, and poured out his soul unto death for men. There dwells the great Mediator, through whom all the divine love is expressed toward men, and by whom the fruits of that love have been purchased, and through whom they are communicated, and through whom love is imparted to the hearts of all God's people. There dwells Christ in both his natures, the human and the divine, sitting on the same throne with the Father. And there dwells the Holy Spirit — the Spirit of divine love, in whom the very essence of God, as it were, flows out, and is breathed forth in love, and by whose immediate influence all holy love is shed abroad in the hearts of all the saints on earth and in heaven. There, in heaven, this infinite fountain of love — this eternal Three in One — is set open without any obstacle to hinder access to it, as it flows forever. There this glorious God is manifested, and shines forth, in full glory, in beams of love. And there this glorious fountain forever flows forth in streams, yea, in rivers of love and delight, and these rivers swell, as it were, to an ocean of love, in which the souls of the ransomed may bathe with the sweetest enjoyment, and their hearts, as it were, be deluged with love!”

➤ **Divine Rest (Exodus 33:14; Psalm 23:1-3; Hebrews 4:1-3)**

➤ **Copious Glory (Psalm 36:8; Ephesians 1:7-8)**

• **Charles Spurgeon**

- “Happy is the soul that can drink in the sumptuous dainties of the gospel—nothing can so completely fill the soul.”