

“A Place Where You Fit”

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” John 14:1-4

- Trouble is inevitable because we’re living right-side up in an upside down world.
- Many rooms! *“There is plenty of room for you in my Father’s home.”* (MSG)
- We don’t fit here! We fit there!
- When trouble comes here... focus on there.

Biblical narrative

- Adam and Eve
- Abraham
- Children of Israel
- Jesus, Himself

Saints... set apart... and on mission

- *“Friends, this world is not your home, so don’t make yourselves cozy in it.”* 1 Peter 2:11 (MSG)
- *“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”* 1 Peter 2:9-10
- *“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God.”* Romans 12:1-2 (MSG)
- *“Look! Look! God has moved into the neighborhood, making his home with men and women! They’re his people, he’s their God. He’ll wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good—tears gone, crying gone, pain gone—all the first order of things gone.”* Revelation 21:3-4 (MSG)

Luke 15 and God’s view of humanity

- Wayward sheep
- God’s image [Infinitely valuable like a coin]
- Sons and daughters
- Jesus: *“I’m here for God’s wandering, image bearing children in order to bring them home; and when we get home, we’re going to party! Our Father won’t rest until we are all home because He’s homesick for His kids.”*
- *“For God soooooo loved the world...”* John 3:16

The heartbeat of a Saint

- Until we are physically in His arms, we are on mission to bring God’s heart to all who are troubled. Until we are physically in His arms, His Spirit has made a home inside of us and has placed us in a Church home in order to give us a foretaste of our eternal home and to be encouraged within the community of Saints to press on.

“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.” Augustine’s Confessions (Lib 1,1-2,2.5,5: CSEL 33, 1-5)

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