


Where God's Love calls you home

Exploring God's vision for our church

Core Values

- Accepting
- Diverse
- Involved (Leadership)
- Attractive (Gospel made beautiful)
- Dynamic (Focused)

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calls you home.



Yuba City

COMMUNITY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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What does this look
like from scripture?

The Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32



Ezekiel

(Seriously? We're
checking out Ezekiel?)

Ezekiel

Chapter 15 Jerusalem
is like a useless vine.
God laments over the
city because she does
not live according to
His instruction.



Ezekiel

Chapter 17 Two eagles and a vine – Israel will not be rescued by Egypt

Chapter 19 Lioness and her two fat cubs – Israel's royal family won't be saved



Ezekiel

Chapter 23 Two evil twin daughters lead lives of prostitution – Samaria and Israel have left God

Chapter 24 Jerusalem like a cooking pot – she will not escape the Babylon

Ezekiel

Chapter 27 Sinking ship of Tyre – God's impending judgment

Chapter 29 A great monster proudly living among the rivers of the Nile – Pharaoh is living in false security



Ezekiel

Chapter 31 Cedar tree,
great and majestic –
Another parable of Egypt,
whose greatness will
succumb to
Nebuchadnezzar



Ezekiel

Chapter 32 A mighty lion
is defeated by a monster.
Egypt wont stand a
chance against Babylon.



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Ezekiel:

In the midst of a
book full of God's
Judgment...A
striking story of love

Ezekiel:

The Prodigal Daughter



Ezekiel 16

Set Up:

4 On the day you were born your cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water to make you clean, nor were you rubbed with salt or wrapped in cloths.

5 No one looked on you with pity or had compassion enough to do any of these things for you. Rather, you were thrown out into the open field, for on the day you were born you were despised.

Ezekiel 16

Set Up:

6 “Then I passed by and saw you kicking about in your blood, and as you lay there in your blood I said to you, “Live!”

7 I made you grow like a plant of the field. You grew...



Ezekiel 16

Set Up:

8 “Later I passed by, and when I looked at you and saw that you were old enough for love, I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your body. I gave you my solemn oath and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Sovereign Lord, and you became mine.

Ezekiel 16

Set Up:

v.9 Bathed her

v.10 Adorned her with beautiful clothes

v.11-12 Gave her costly jewelry

v.13 Feed her the best food

“You became very beautiful and rose to be a queen.
And your fame spread among the nations on account
of your beauty, because the splendor I had given you
made your beauty perfect, declares the Sovereign
Lord.

Ezekiel 16

The Fall:

15 “But you trusted in your beauty and used your fame to become a prostitute. You lavished your favors on anyone who passed by and your beauty became his.

Ezekiel 16

The Fall:

v.16 Beautiful clothes she used for altars

v.17 Jewelry she used to make idols

v.18-19 Finest food she used to offer
sacrifices to idols

Ezekiel 16:20-23

The Fall:



Ezekiel 16

The Fall:

v.26 She slept with the Egyptians

v.28 She slept with the Assyrians

v.29 She slept with the Babylonians



Ezekiel 16

The Fall:

Verses 30-59

(Angry Intermission)

Ezekiel 16

Undeserved Redemption:

61 Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your sisters, both those who are older than you and those who are younger. I will give them to you as daughters, but not on the basis of my covenant with you.

62 So I will establish my covenant with you, and you will know that I am the Lord.

Ezekiel 16

Undeserved Redemption:

63 Then, when I make **atonement** for you for all you have done, you will remember and be ashamed and never again open your mouth because of your humiliation, declares the Sovereign Lord.””

Ezekiel 16

Undeserved Redemption:

“I’ll firmly establish my covenant with you and you’ll know that I am God. You’ll remember your past life and face the shame of it, but when I make atonement for you, make everything right after all you’ve done, it will leave you speechless.”

Ezekiel 16

Undeserved Redemption:

Atonement: **Kapar**

-Cover, Wipe Away, Pacify, Redeem,
Pay the Price

No where in Ezekiel is the word
“Forgiveness” used **Nasa, Salakh**






A God SO loving

A sinfulness SO terrible

A Redemption SO costly



...It leaves us
speechless.

Enter Jesus...



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Luke 15:11-32



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v.11 A Father's rebellious son asks for the inheritance

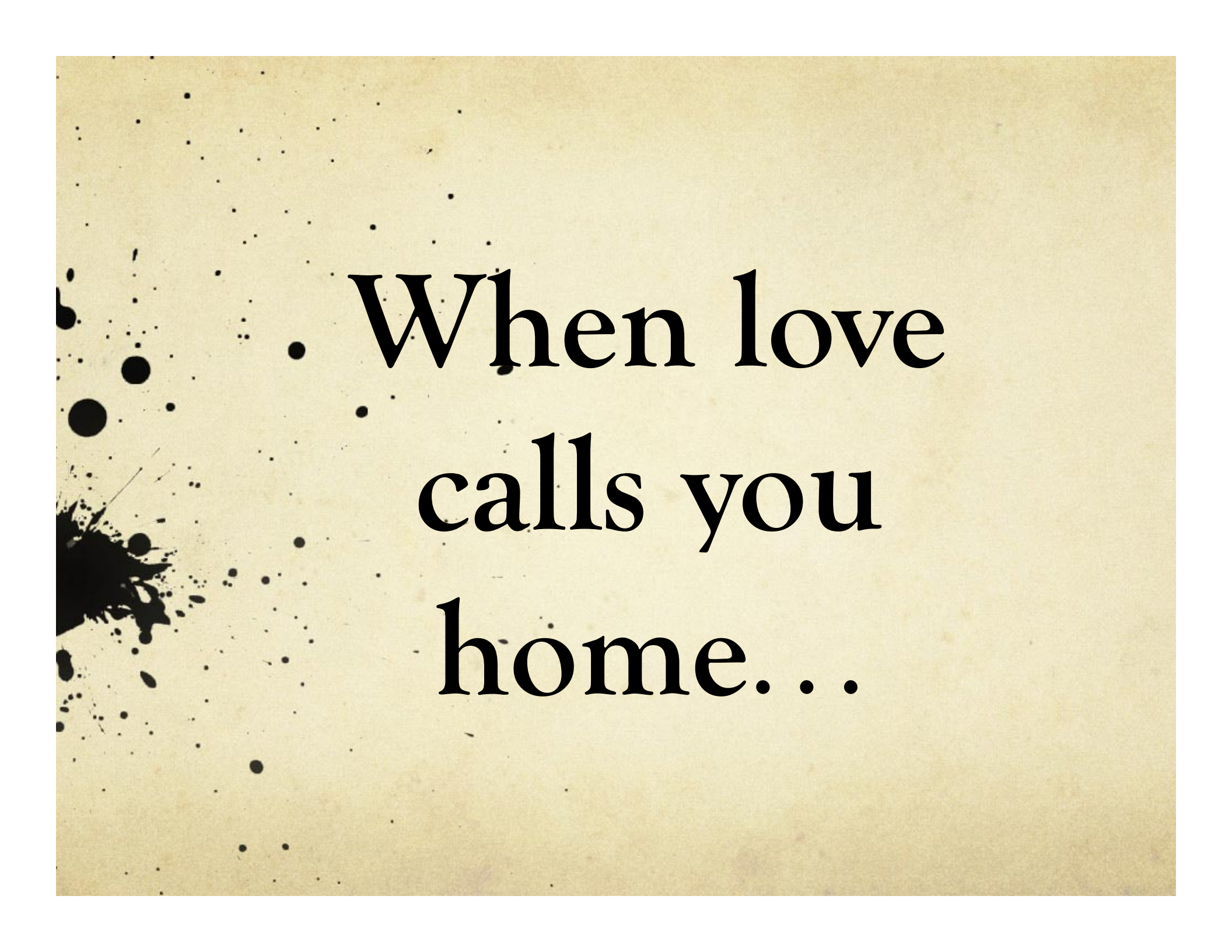
v.12-16 He wastes everything

v.17-20 Finally comes to his senses


v.21 Welcomed home with love

“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory
and the exact representation of his
being . . .” Hebrews 1:3


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



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calls you
home...



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