

# HEART FOR THE KINGDOM

## Mess To Miracle (Week 4)

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### Worship:

**Song Suggestion:** *So Much- Life Church Worship*

As you worship, give God thanks for all he has done and who he is. Pray: *“Father, help me trust You fully.”*

### Check-in:

We’ve all faced moments of financial pressure or regret. Take a moment to share:

- Where have I felt shame or fear about money?
- What does “coming home” to God look like for me in this season?

### Synopsis of message:

This week’s message reminded us of a powerful truth: **You’ve never gone too far, and it’s never too late.**

Through the story of the prodigal son (*Luke 15*), we learned that restoration is possible when we turn back to God. The journey from **AWAY** → **AWAKE** → **ALIVE** shows us how God moves us from chaos to order, from mess to miracle.

### Key Themes:

1. **AWAY – When We Go Our Own Way**
  - Self-first instead of God-first leads to disorder and shame.
  - Progression: Believe a lie → Self-destructive behaviours and choices → Isolation → rock bottom. (*Luke 15:14-16*)
2. **AWAKE – When We Come to Our Senses**
  - Honesty is the turning point. “You can’t change what you won’t confront, and you can’t confront what you won’t name.” Stop hiding, start confessing (*Psalm 32:3-5*).
  - Develop a plan: Tithe again, seek help, create a budget, stop the bleeding.

### 3. **ALIVE – When We Come Home**

- God runs toward us with grace, not condemnation (*Luke 15:20*).
- Restoration of identity, position, and belonging.
- The greater miracle isn’t just financial – it’s freedom, peace, and purpose.

**Bottom Line:** Your mess can become your message because God specialises in miracles.

### Scripture Focus:

- Luke 15:11–24
- Matthew 6:21
- Psalm 32:5; Psalm 51
- 1 Peter 5:6–7
- Proverbs 3:9; 4:23
- Malachi 3:10

### Discussion Questions:

1. **Honest Reflection**
  - What lie have I believed about money or security?
  - How has that shaped my decisions?
2. **From AWAY to AWAKE**
  - What does “coming to your senses” look like practically?
  - Why is honesty the first step toward freedom?
3. **Restoration and Grace**
  - How does the father’s response in Luke 15 change your view of God?
  - What does it mean for you that God runs toward you while you’re still a mess?
4. **Practical Steps**
  - Which step do you need to take this week: Stop hiding, start moving, ask for help, or do it today?
  - How can this group support you in that step?

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## Prayer Moment:

- Thank God for His grace that meets us in our mess.
- Pray: *“Lord, help me stop hiding and start moving toward You.”*
- Ask for courage to take practical steps and for wisdom in financial decisions.
- Pray for restoration – not just of finances, but of peace and purpose.

## Next Step:

This week, I will:

- Identify one area where I need to “wake up” and take action.
- Make one practical change (e.g., *create a budget, restart tithing, seek help*).
- Pray daily: *“God, I trust You to turn my mess into a miracle.”*