

No Longer An Orphan

Journey Home, Part 1

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3 Critical Moments In The History Of Families

MOMENT 1: God's Plan For Creation Is Centered Around _____

- God uses families to teach us about His love.

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name...

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge.

Ephesians

3:14-19

MOMENT 2: The first family _____

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

Genesis 3:8-12

MOMENT 3: Jesus invites us into a _____

Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Mark 3:21-35

We Can "Come Home" Because

1. Our Father _____ Us

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

Ephesians 1:4

For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son...

Romans 8:29

2. Our Father _____ Us

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:5

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, ... to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children..... now you can call God your dear Father. Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, everything he has belongs to you.

Galatians 4:4-7 NLT

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

Deuteronomy 8:7-9

Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.

Psalm 27:10

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*