



「 RECAPTURING CHRISTMAS 」



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HOME

HOME: what we were created
for ... & what was lost



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*"...the place where, when you get
there, you know where you are"*

Garrison Keillor



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*"...the place where when you get
there, they have to take you in"*

Robert Frost



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"...where someone is waiting for you"



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"...where your heart is"



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- Deep & secure rootedness
- Significance ... Acceptance ... Care
- Involves "others"



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*Then the man and his wife heard the sound
of the Lord God moving about in the
orchard at the breezy time of the day ...*

Genesis 3:8,9



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*... and they hid from the Lord God among
the trees of the orchard. But the Lord God
called to the man, "Where are you?"*

Genesis 3:8,9



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Step 1 Self-awareness: Are some of my "home" expectations rooted in my longings for my true lost home?



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Step 1 Self-awareness:

Not "I deserve," but "I was created
for"



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Step 1 Self-awareness:

A legitimate "longing" is different
than a "deserving"



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HOME: losing home turns us
into wanderers

*...“I will be a homeless wanderer on the
earth.”*

Genesis 4:14



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into wanderers

Step 2: Other-Awareness: The person next
to me is as lonely ... as much a
fugitive from home as I am



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HOME: it's what Jesus left for us
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Luke 2:7



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*[Mary] wrapped him in cloths and placed
him in a manger, because there was no
room for them in the inn.*

Luke 2:7



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*"Foxes have holes and birds of the air have
nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay
his head."*

Matthew 8:20



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*[Jesus] ... shared in [our] humanity ... made
like his 'brothers' in every way ...*

Hebrews 2:14, 17



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Step 3: Jesus-Acceptance & Awareness:



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Step 3: Jesus-Acceptance & Awareness:

*"... Be sure of this: I am with you
always, even to the end of the age."*

Jesus [Matthew 8:20]



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HOME: it's what Jesus left for us
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Step 3: Jesus-Acceptance & Awareness:

"... you are complete in Him."

Colossians 2:10



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"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me."

Jesus [John 14]



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"In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you."

Jesus [John 14]



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Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth ...

Jesus [John 14]



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*... I saw the Holy City ... Coming down out of
heaven from God ...*

Jesus [John 14]



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... "God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will live with them."

Jesus [John 14]



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"I am making everything new!"

Jesus [John 14]



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"... Looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God."

Hebrews 11:10



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HOME: turns "wanderers" into
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HOME: turns "wanderers" into
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*"... Keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the
pioneer and perfecter of our faith ..."*

Hebrews 12:2



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