

Title: **Let's Go Home**  
Text: **Isaiah 30:15-26**  
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## Big Idea

We run in a lot of different directions, looking to a lot of different things, in our attempt to fix what's broken in us and find "salvation." But the answer to it all is waiting at home with God. He is ready to show mercy and bring healing to all who return to and rest in him by faith alone in Christ alone.

### Scene #1: We Run Away

Isaiah here is drawing our attention to this ironic unraveling that's coming for Israel and any who follow in their way. You flee from Assyria back to Egypt. You run from one oppressor back to another. It's as the prophet Amos would say elsewhere, you're fleeing from a lion into the arms of a bear (cf. Amos 5:19). You're running to them because you think they will save you, but they will only further oppress you.

Whenever we run from God to something else, we do so because we think it will save us more immediately, more effectively, than he ever could. But our idols don't save us, they enslave us.

### Scene #2: We Come Home

#### Step #1: We Have to See Him

God "exalts himself to show mercy to you" (v. 18). This is not an act of vainglory or selfishness on God's part. He is exalting himself because he is truly the only solution to your problems, the only one who can truly save. If he doesn't exalt himself, you don't see him. And if you don't see him, you can't come home. Think of it like this: It is not vainglory or selfishness for the burning sun to be lifted high in the sky. We need it to be exalted as such if we are to have light and warmth and life. Well, so it is with God.

#### Step #2: We Have to Embrace Him

If in the first scene we were discussing an *ironic unraveling*, here now with this second scene we could say we are dealing with an *ironic de-*

*liverance*. In the first, the harder you tried to save yourself, the more lost you got. In the second now, the way of salvation is, in a sense, giving up, throwing yourself upon God: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength" (v. 15). Our job is not to fight for ourselves. Our job is to fight for faith that God is fighting for us. He's not demanding our repayment. He's desiring our embrace—our return, our rest, our quietness, our trust.

### Scene #3: We Heal Up

#### Aspect #1: Intimacy

In place of friction there is now a marked intimacy and connection with the Almighty (v. 21).

#### Aspect #2: Purity

In place of our iniquity, there is now a marked and growing purity (v. 22).

#### Aspect #3: Prosperity

In place of the desolation, there is coming a stunning prosperity (vv. 23-26).

*"He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and **with his wounds we are healed**" (Isa. 53:3-5).*



### Reflection Questions

- Which scene would you say you are in right now and why?
- Even if we've been following Jesus for a long time, we are still tempted and prone to run back to "Egypt." What is your Egypt? What are the idols to which you are most tempted to return? Why do you think? How does God through Jesus offer you something so much better? What would it look like to come home?

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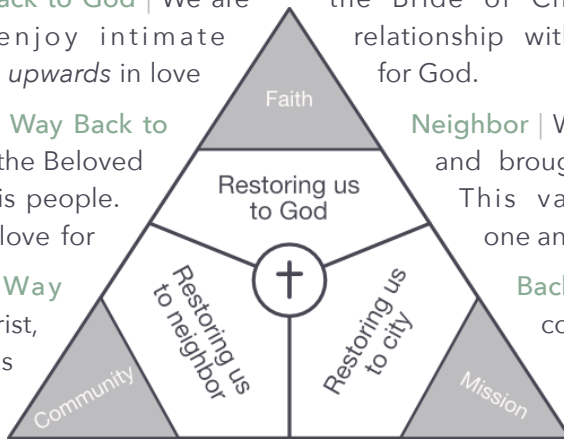
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