

# Home is Where the Heart Is

## Mark 10:28-31

At the tail end of the encounter with the rich young man, Peter saw an opportunity for a bit of personal affirmation

### What?

**We leave this world's home behind, to seek another—the eternal kind**

#### Home, sweet home—

In a rare moment, Jesus affirmed the disciples' sacrifice by stating the promise in verses 29-30

Peter and Andrew still owned their house in Capernaum, where Peter's wife lived with her mother

Some of the disciples still owned boats

Jesus wasn't referring to the disposal of all property

In Peter's travels as an apostle, doing ministry, he apparently took his wife along

*1 Corinthians 9:5, ESV—Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?*

So generally, He is admonishing His followers to make the kingdom a greater priority than anything else, even family

Disciples receive a new family, homes and eternal life

#### **The Big Question—Where or what is true home?**

**Vs. 30**—There is no one "home" in this life, only our eternal home in the next

The prodigal son found his true home with his father

We wander, seeking our true home; when we can't find it, we numb ourselves with other pursuits

Our true home is not just the Father's house, not just His presence, but an eternal place in the heart of God

It's the ultimate spiritual union we will have with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit in eternity

So we can't settle here

*Hebrews 11:9-10, ESV—By faith [Abraham] went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents... For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God*

### So What?

We have to break our ties with our birth home and home town; this world's difficulties help us sever those ties

We also need to wake up from the coma induced by numbing ourselves, and adopt the mindset of pilgrims

The Israelites in the desert lived from one day to the next, feeding on the manna and water God supplied

We must live from day to day, feeding on the Bread of Life, drinking from the fountain of living water

An important part of that is the gathering of the family of God for worship

Worship is the family mealtime of the household of God when God feeds our souls, and we offer our thanks to Him as our Heavenly Father

#### The final say—Jesus

*John 14:23, ESV—"If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him"*

### Now What?

Declutter your life

Make more time for the Bread of Life and Living Water, and the family gatherings of the household of God