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LUKE 15:31-32

THE FEAST

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think of a time when you celebrated something that others might have considered small or insignificant. What made it feel worth celebrating to you?

2. Have someone read Luke 15:22-32. The father says "we had to celebrate" — the word in the original language carries the idea of necessity. Why do you think celebration is described as necessary rather than optional when someone is found?

3. Have someone read Ephesians 2:1-4. It describes all of us as once dead in our sins before God made us alive in Christ. How can remembering your own story of grace lead you to a place of celebration?

4. Where in your life is it easy to lose the sense of celebration and drift toward skepticism? What contributes to that drift?

5. Ephesians 2:10 describes believers as God's masterpiece. The sermon said a masterpiece is not displayed to impress people but to reveal something about the artist. What does your story reveal about the character of God?

6. Is there a person or situation in your life that you have quietly stopped believing God can reach? What would it look like to bring holy optimism back into the way you pray for that person or situation?