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*The
Mission
of
FBCWR:
To present the Lord Jesus
Christ: His work
on the
cross
and
His in-
dwelling
power
to meet
man's
needs.*

*He was revealed in the
flesh,
Was vindicated in the
Spirit,
Seen by angels,
Proclaimed among the
nations,
Believed on in the world,
Taken up in glory.*

1 Timothy 3:16

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The Trip Home



I am the prodigal son
I haven't left the house
only my Father...

I have taken My inheritance
and left for
a distant land,
I have squandered
them on myself.
I have tried to
fatten my soul
with His gifts...
People, family,
ministries,
good reputation,
talents, service,
using them to validate
myself.

I am the prodigal son
I haven't left the house
only my Father.

He calls me
His Beloved
but all the voices
of this distant, place
are calling...
be perfect, respond right,
do not be weak.
do not disagree, smile,
be quiet, be successful...

you're gifted,
you're wonderful,
you're important,
you're talented...

The voices of performance
muddling the voice
of my Father.

He's calling me
His Beloved,
with His arms
wide open.

I am coming home,
a journey of a moment,
a journey of a gaze.

His arms
wide open,
His soft voice
whispering -
My
Beloved.

*-Thoughts of Terri Fornear
after reading
"The Return of the
Prodigal Son"*

By Henri J.M. Nouwen
I highly recommend it
for easily distracted hearts
like mine.

