



I'll be home for Christmas

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Introduction:

- Review: The heart of Christmas
- Homeless for Christmas

And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee.

Luke 2:4

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep.

Luke 2:8

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem....

Matthew 2:1

Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

Matthew 8:20

What Does "Home" Mean?

- It's about a place
- It's about people
- It's about protection

Being Home for Christmas

1. A new location

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

John 14:23

But our homeland is in heaven and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3:20

2. A life-giving relationship

So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."

Romans 8:15

3. A place of security

Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

Psalms 23:4

I will never leave you. I will never desert you.

Hebrews 13:5

[Quoted from Deuteronomy 31:6]

Next Steps:

- I am "coming home" to God today. I need to be a part of God's family and declare Jesus my Lord.
- I identify my home with God. I will focus on my spiritual home this Christmas by _____
- Pray for my relationship with _____. I want to have a stronger connection.
- I will invite _____ to the Christmas Eve service
- _____