

Our Vision - 1 of 4

Connect, Grow, Serve

Video - This We Pray (go to skitguys login and go to downloads)

Vision Statement:

HCF exists to **CONNECT** people to God so that they may **GROW, SERVE** God and others.

Connect - Verb - to join (two or more things) together

To bring people into a vibrant relationship with God and others.

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verb

1. bring together or into contact so that a real or notional link is established

The Importance of a Strong Connection

John 15:4-8

The Message

“Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me. “I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.

- Without a strong wifi connection you cannot access all the potential of the internet
- Jesus says no one can bear fruit without this connection
- Jesus at home with you and you at home with him

The Value Jesus Places on Those Who Have Lost Connection

Luke 15 NIV

1. Jesus Hangs Out With the Lost

Vss 1-2

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

2. Three Parables

a. Lost Sheep Vss 3-7

b. Lost Coins Vss 8-10

c. Lost Son Vss 11-31

3. The Lost Son Leaves

Vss 11-16

Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe

famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

4. Lost Son Returns

Vss 17-19

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’”

5. The Father

Vss 20-24

“When he was still a long way off, his father saw him. His heart pounding, he ran out, embraced him, and kissed him. The son started his speech: ‘Father, I’ve sinned against God, I’ve sinned before you; I don’t deserve to be called your son ever again.’ “But the father wasn’t listening. He was calling to the servants, ‘Quick. Bring a clean set of clothes and dress him. Put the family ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Then get a prize-winning heifer and roast it. We’re going to feast! We’re going to have a wonderful time! My son is here—given up for dead and now alive! Given up for lost and now found!’ And they began to have a wonderful time.

6. The Older Son Fulfilled His Duty But Lost His Focus

Vss 25-32

“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 27 ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

We Can Help to Get You Connected

- Rooted - 10 weeks of community Started May 9th
- Small Groups - Oikos Groups (intentional outward focus) Started April 12
- Missional Pathway
 - Personal Calling
 - Awaken June 25-26
 - Activate July 10
 - Corporate (church) Calling
 - Assess September 11
 - Advance October 9