

Home for Troubled Hearts
John 14:1-14

It is a curious emotion, this certain homesickness I have in mind... It is no simple longing for the home town or country of our birth... As often as not, we are homesick most for the places we have never known.

—Carson McCullers

THE HOPE OF HOME

John 14:2-3

In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if not, I would have told you. I am going away to prepare a place for you. 3 If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also.

It's a physical home

This home is a place of permanence

This house is a place of community

“When that story leads somewhere...it gives us hope.”
—Andrew Del Banco, *The Real American Dream*

“We must imagine some end to life that transcends our own tiny allotment of days and hours, if we are to keep at bay the dim back of the mind suspicion that we are adrift in an absurd world.”

—Andrew Del Banco, *The Real American Dream*

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4 "You know the way to where I am going." 5 "Lord,"
Thomas said, "we don't know where You're going. How
can we know the way?"

All of life is a coming home. Salesmen, secretaries, coal miners, beekeepers, sword swallows—all of us. All the restless hearts of the world, all trying to find a way home. But How far away home can be. The dictionary defines [home] it as both a place of origin...and a goal or destination. And the storm? The storm was all in my mind. Or, as the poet Dante put it, "In the middle of the journey of my life I found myself in a dark wood...for I had lost the right path." Eventually I would find the right path...but in the most unlikely place.

—Patch Adams

(v.6) Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

“Are you not thirsty?” said the Lion. “I am dying of thirst,” said Jill. “Then drink,” said the Lion. “May I — could I — would you mind going away while I do?” said Jill. The Lion answered this only by a look and a very low growl. And as Jill gazed at its motionless bulk, she realized that she might as well have asked the whole mountain to move aside for her convenience...

The delicious rippling noise of the stream was driving her nearly frantic. "Will you promise not to — do anything to me, if I do come?" said Jill. "I make no promise," said the Lion. Jill was so thirsty now that, without noticing it, she had come a step nearer. "Do you eat girls?" she said. "I have swallowed up girls and boys, women and men, kings and emperors, cities and realms," said the Lion. It didn't say this as if it were boasting, nor as if it were sorry, nor as if it were angry. It just said it...

"I daren't come and drink," said Jill. "Then you will die of thirst," said the Lion. "Oh dear!" said Jill, coming another step nearer. "I suppose I must go and look for another stream then." "There is no other stream," said the Lion.

—C.S Lewis, *The Silver Chair*

WHAT WE'LL FIND WHEN WE ARRIVE HOME

(v.9) Have I been among you all this time without your knowing Me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father.

God's Kingdom is a place of safety

9b How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words I speak to you I do not speak on My own. The Father who lives in Me does His works. 11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me. Otherwise, believe because of the works themselves.

God's Kingdom is the place that fits you

12 “I assure you: The one who believes in Me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

God's Kingdom the place where and with whom we belong.

(v.13-14) Whatever you ask in My name, I will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

“Your heart must not be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.”