

## THE STORY CHAPTER 19

### THE RETURN HOME

#### Questions for Discussion

1. What is an example where you were somewhere (having fun on vacation, or in an uncomfortable situation, or were away for a long time, etc), and all you wanted to do was go home? What is it about home that draws you back?
2. How does it make you feel to know that God is drawn to you (to your “home”) – that He feels joy and pleasure being in you and with you? Do you believe that?
3. Much like the Israelites faced opposition as they were putting God first, where are you facing opposition?
  - a) Finances
  - b) Relationships at work
  - c) Marriage
  - d) Parenting
  - e) Thought life
  - f) Believing the truth about what God thinks, feels and desires for my life
  - g) Giving up a bad habit / getting stuck in a sin pattern
4. Think about a specific challenge, or way the enemy is opposing you right now. How are you handling that?
  - a) I’m discouraged and tend to feel that nothing will ever change
  - b) I fought for a while, but I’ve given up
  - c) I just focus on myself (building my “house”)
  - d) I accept the message of the opposition that says, “I deserve this; that I’m no good”
  - e) I tell the opposition to go to the “King.” I don’t accept the accusation – I let Jesus and His Word answer for me.
5. Just like Darius answered for the Jews, where do you need God to answer on your behalf today? Ask God to give you a gift of faith to not only believe that He will act on your behalf, but He will use the very thing the enemy is doing, to elevate you to another level in Christ. What specifically could you ask for that would make God really big, and your challenge really small?