



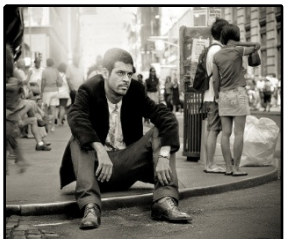
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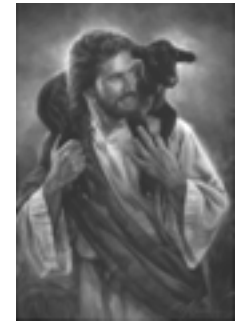
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. Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger, and sandals for his feet. ²³ And kill the calf we have been fattening in the pen. We must celebrate with a feast, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began.



IV. The Mission of the Kingdom/ The Purpose of the Church

Our Primary Purposes as People of The Way

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2. To grow spiritually to be like Jesus
3. To practice loving and serving others in Christian community
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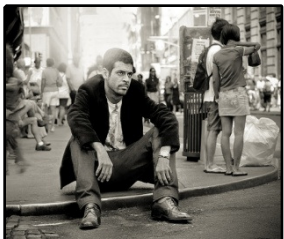
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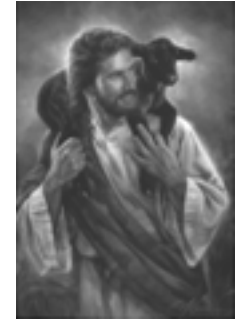
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