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**Lent at Lakeside:  
My Heart as Sanctuary  
My Life as Prayer  
Devotion for Friday,  
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**Where I'm From  
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I come from a small town  
where my family owned and operated  
the only movie theater for miles and miles around.

I come from a family  
where my three brothers worked with my dad everyday  
while my Mother and I tended a beautiful garden  
that fed us throughout the entire year.

I come from a family  
that prayed over a delicious dinner every night  
with no distractions except constant joking from my brothers.

I come from a town  
where our lives centered around  
our church and our school.

I come from a school  
where the number of classmates  
and the year we graduated were one in the same.  
67 and who remain close and connected to this day.

I come from a family  
who always put God first.  
I'm so lucky to have been shaped  
so positively from my beginnings.

Now it's up to me to pass on these lessons  
to my family friends and neighbors.

## 1 John 1:3-10

We declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

### **Prayer:**

Forgive those things we have done  
which have caused you sadness,  
and those things we should have done  
that would have brought you joy.

In both we have failed  
ourselves,  
and you.

Bring us back to that place  
where our journey began,  
when we said that we would follow  
the way that you first trod.

Lead us to the Cross  
and meet  
us there. Amen.