

Bible and the Headlines: Moving Back Home

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The children of celebrities grow up in a fishbowl. Everything they do is known to the world. This is particularly true if their father is the most powerful man on the planet, and if the child moves back to the fishbowl called the White House. Barron Trump's change of zip code is making headlines.

On September 10th the Hindustan Times asked, "Where is Barron Trump? First Son 'Moves Away' from New York after Turbulent First Year at College." The article builds on reports that President Trump's youngest son had vacated himself from his father's New York penthouse. Quoting the New York Post, "Barron is said to have moved back to Washington, DC, and reconnected with his father on a full-time basis." Barron will continue to be a student with NYU, but at its DC campus.

The real estate newsletter, Realtor.Com reported on September 10, "Barron Trump Is 'Living at the White House' With Donald and Melania—After Transferring to NYU's DC Campus." Commenting on other media coverage, the writer noted, "Reports began to emerge that the teenager had made a major change to his college career at the start of the 2025-26 academic year when an NYU security officer confirmed that Barron had not been seen on campus." There is speculation that the change may only be for one semester.

New York magazine's, The Cut, on September 11 featured, "Did Barron Trump Move Back In With His Parents?" Containing most of the material from other articles, the piece also covered Barron's activities prior to his White House move. The writer states, "Barron has been meeting with business partners, developing tech projects, and 'actively working on his own financial interests' to start his own company." There is also speculation that Barron may get a parental loan of 1 million dollars to pursue these 'financial interests.'

The patriarchs of the Bible also had their progeny move back home. After lethal sibling rivalry King David's son Absalom vacated Jerusalem for foreign lands (2 Sam 13:37). After three years, some of David's officers pressed the king to bring his son home. David told his top general, "Very well, I will do it. Go, bring back the young man Absalom'. . . Then Joab went to Geshur and brought Absalom back to Jerusalem" (2Sa 14:21-23). From his new address, Absalom pursued his own interests (2Sa 15:1-6). The result was that King David was forced to vacate his royal residency for a time (2Sa 15:14).

Another Biblical example of a son moving home is Jesus. He told His disciples he was returning home and declared, "My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am" (John 14:2-3).

This is the promise of the Gospel: Every believer gets to move back to their Father's house.