

Lost and Found

Luke 15 (Luke 15:4-7)

“What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

When we lose something that we value greatly, everything we focus on changes. In today’s three parables, God gives us a picture of how He values us. We can get a sense of God’s great love for us and the amazing grace He shows.

1. How did getting lost happen?

Lost sheep - Carelessness

Lost coin - Accidental

Lost son - Intentional

Isaiah 53:6, Jeremiah 50:6, James 1:15

2. The response toward the lost.

Luke 19:10, 2 Corinthians 5:20, 6:1-2

3. The results of finding that which is lost.

Kiss - Affection

Best Robe - Honor

Ring - Authority

Shoes - Freedom

Fatted Calf - Atonement

Luke 15:6, 9, Galatians 3:6, Ephesians 2:7-9, Titus 3:4-7