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Rejoicing When They're Found

Luke 15:1-10

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Luke 15:1-7 NIV

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear him. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

3 Then Jesus told them this parable:

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To which of the 2 basic types of people in this crowd are the parables in Luke 15 addressed?

- The tax collectors and sinners who know their sinfulness and still actively gather to Jesus to hear His words
- The Pharisees and law teachers who only listen to Jesus while they judge the sinfulness of others with disdain

Luke 15:1-7 NIV

4 “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

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Luke 15:8-10 NIV

8 “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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Isaiah 53:6 NIV

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Luke 19:10 NIV

“For the son of man came to seek and save the lost.

1 Peter 2:25 NIV

You were like straying sheep but you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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What kind of Shepherd is this?

In John 10:2-16, Jesus, the Good Shepherd...

- Calls His own sheep by name
- Leads them out to good pasture
- He goes ahead of them to protect them
- Speaks in a voice well-known to the sheep
- Lays down his life for the sheep
- Knows His sheep and they know him

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What kind of Shepherd is this?

In Ezekiel 34:11-16, The Lord promises to...

- Search for and look after them
- Rescue them from all the places they are scattered
- Gather and restore them in safe pasture
- Tend them in a good land that meets their needs
- Search out the lost and bring back the strays
- Bind up the injured
- Strengthen the weak

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Both the lost sheep and the lost coin have great value to the one searching for them.

- Not just 1 in 100 sheep
- Not just 1 in 10 coins

Because they are valuable, both receive a careful and complete search (until it's found)

Rejoicing when they're found

- Shared joy over finding something lost
- Joy welcomes and invites fellowship

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According to these verses what brings joy to God?

- A sinner who repents
- The lost one who is found and then turns his/her life over to the Lord
- The one who turns from sin and turns to Christ in faith
- The one who was dead in their trespasses and sins and is now made alive in Christ Jesus

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v.2 He “welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

- Are we rejoicing with the Lord when he saves a lost sinner?
- Shouldn't this be the same shared joy for those who claim to follow the God of Heaven?
- Do we sit and wonder if they deserve it?
- Do we remember that we don't deserve it either?

- He doesn't just welcome them - He pursues them!

Which of the 2 basic types of people are you in the parables in Luke 15?

- The tax collector and sinner who knows their sinfulness and needs to come to Jesus for His words of life
- The Pharisees and law teachers who only listen to Jesus while they judge the sinfulness of others with disdain

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“[You] turn from these lost ones with disdain, and because I do not the same, [you] murmur at it: but a very different feeling is cherished in heaven. There, the recovery of even one such outcast is watched with interest and hailed with joy; nor are they left to come home of themselves or perish; for lo! even now the great Shepherd is going after His lost sheep, and the Owner is making diligent search for the lost property; and He is finding it, too, and bringing it back with joy, and all heaven is full of it.”

-JFB Commentary

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