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THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE

That you may have certainty!

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LOST & FOUND

DIVINE GENEROSITY FOR
REPROBATES & DEPLORABLES

Luke 15:1-10

Luke 15:11-32

RECLAIMING THE LOST SHEEP

Luke 15:1-7

¹ All the tax collectors and sinners were approaching to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and scribes were complaining, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "What man among you, who has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open field and go after the lost one until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders, ⁶ and coming home, he calls his friends and neighbors together, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!' ⁷ I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who don't need repentance."

RECLAIMING THE LOST COIN

Luke 15:8-10

⁸ "Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found the silver coin I lost!' ¹⁰ I tell you, in the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who repents."

RECLAIMING THE LOST

Luke 15:1-32

What question did Jesus answer with these parables?

Why does Jesus associate with sinners?

Seven Commonalities

(Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin)

1. Lost something of **great value**
2. Searched vigorously for it
3. Left others to look for lost item
4. Lost item found after much searching
5. Great joy when lost item found
6. Good news shared with others
7. Celebration in heaven

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Jesus' Mission

Luke 4:43: But He said to them, "I must proclaim the good news about the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because I was sent for this purpose."

Luke 5:31-32: Jesus replied to them, "It is not those who are healthy who need a doctor, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Luke 19:10: For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost."

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This dialogue gave rise to the next parable, which is often missed.

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What two groups were present to hear these words from Jesus?

1. Tax collectors and sinners
2. Pharisees and scribes

How did the second group of Pharisees and scribes react to what Jesus said?

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¹¹ He also said: "A man had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate I have coming to me.' So he distributed the assets to them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all he had and traveled to a distant country, where he squandered his estate in foolish living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he had nothing. ¹⁵ Then he went to work for one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to eat his fill from the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one would give him anything. ¹⁷ When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food, and here I am dying of

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hunger! ¹⁸ I'll get up, go to my father, and say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. ¹⁹ I'm no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired workers.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. But while the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. ²¹ The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I'm no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² "But the father told his servants, 'Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

²³ Then bring the fattened calf and slaughter it, and let's celebrate

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with a feast, ²⁴ because this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field; as he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he summoned one of the servants, questioning what these things meant. ²⁷ 'Your brother is here,' he told him, 'and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ "Then he became angry and didn't want to go in. So his father came out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he replied to his father, 'Look, I have been slaving many years for you, and I have never disobeyed your orders, yet you never gave me a goat so that I could celebrate with my friends.

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³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.'

³¹ "'Son,' he said to him, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

Reclaiming the Lost Son

Younger Son	Older Son	Father
Represents Tax Collectors & Sinners	Represents Religious Leaders	Represents God Himself
Attitude Remorseful & Contrite	Attitude Self-Righteous	Attitude Joyful & Happy
Actions Confession & Repentance	Actions Anger & Rejection	Actions Forgiveness & Acceptance

How did God want them to feel and act?

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How did they react?

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Does the elder brother have
a legitimate complaint?

How did the Father respond
to the angry elder brother?

God's action toward the
younger son are gracious,
not deserved!

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Grace = Unmerited Favor

G God's

R Riches

A At

C Christ's

E Expense



DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- Notice how the Man/Woman/Father took the initiative; so it is with God. He earnestly seeks you out and wants you to be home safely with Him, where you belong.
- Once *"you were separated from Christ...without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus, you who were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ."* (Eph 2:12-13)
- Who do you know that needs to hear God loves them, has not abandoned them, and is eagerly awaiting their return?
- Where are you today personally, are you in the lost bin or have you been found?

