

The Heart Of Jesus Is The Heart For The Lost!

The Heart Of Jesus, Pt.4

Luke 15

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Luke 15:1, *Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This Man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”*

Luke 19:10, *“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”*

Three Stories:

The Lost Sheep	Luke 15:3-7
The Lost Coin	Luke 15:8-10
The Lost Son	Luke 15:11-24

John 3:16, *For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

Thoughts On Jesus’ Heart For The Lost:

1. God PRIORITIZES The Search For The Lost And So Should We!

Luke 15:3, *Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home.”*

1 Peter 2:24, *“He Himself bore our sins” in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by His wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

2. God Tirelessly PURSUES The Lost And So Should We!

Luke 15:8, *“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?”*

3. God Passionately CARES About The Lost And So Should We!

Luke 15:20, *So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.”*

4. God Enthusiastically CELEBRATES When The Lost Are Found And So Should We!

Luke 15:6, *...Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷I 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.*

Luke 15:9, *And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”*

Luke 15:23, *Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.*

A Gentle Word For The Pharisees:

Luke 15:31, *“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.’ ³²But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”*

- The shepherd doesn't care less about the ninety-nine sheep because he searches for the one!
- The woman doesn't care less about the other nine silver coins because she searches for the one!
- The father doesn't care less about the son who stayed because he celebrates the other son's return!

Cottonwood Creek Challenge - Putting This Message Into

Practice:

1. If you are the lost sheep, coin or son, repent and return to the Father today! (Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9-13)
2. If you are like the elder son, begin to pursue those who are lost and celebrate when the lost are found!
3. Who has God put in your path that you need to pursue for the Gospel?