

Luke 15 - A Lost Sheep, a Lost Coin, & Two Lost Sons

1. Think of a time when you lost something that was really important to you. How did you feel? Did you celebrate when you found it?
2. Read **Luke 15:1-7**. One sheep out of a flock of a hundred would not have been a great loss for the wealthy shepherd. Why would he risk the safety of ninety-nine sheep just to rescue one lamb?
3. Why would the angels rejoice over one lost sinner rather than over ninety-nine righteous people?
4. Read **Luke 15:8-10**. One coin out of ten would be a major loss for a poor woman. No wonder she swept so frantically! How do you suppose she celebrated with her girlfriends?
5. How would you celebrate if you lost and then found something so precious?

6. Read **Luke 15:11-24**. The younger of the man's two sons acted as though he wished his father were dead! He took his inheritance, left home, and wasted it in a foreign land. What happened to him? How low did he sink?

7. When he hit bottom, he decided to return home and beg for a job from his Dad. But his Father welcomed him back with open arms! Have you ever forgiven and restored like that? What was it like?

8. Read **Luke 15:25-32**. The man's elder son refused to welcome his younger brother. He even scolded his Dad for doing so. Have you ever seen anything like that?

9. Notice that Jesus does not tell how the story ended. We are left hanging with the father's question. What do you think? Did the elder son ever accept his brother? Did the younger son remain faithful?

10. Does the father's behavior mirror God's behavior toward us? Does it matter?