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Lost Things

The Complaint:

Religious leaders grumble about Jesus, saying, “Look at how this man associates with all these notorious sinners and welcomes them all to come to him!” (Luke 15:2 TPT). They are upset because Jesus is including people who don’t follow the rules and don’t work through their systems.



Jesus’ Response:

Jesus tells **three parables** that emphasize the significance of reuniting with something or someone that we have lost.

The Parable of the Lost Lamb

The story of a shepherd who leaves behind 99 sheep to find one who has wandered away.

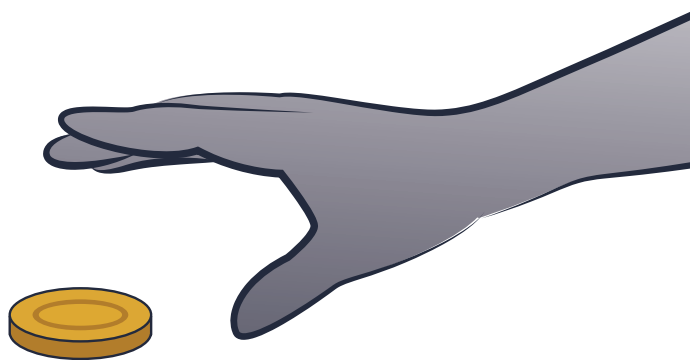
“In the same way, there will be a glorious celebration in heaven over the rescue of one lost sinner who repents, comes back home, and returns to the fold—more so than for all the righteous people who never strayed away.” (Luke 15:7)



The Parable of the Lost Coin

A widow has ten valuable coins. When one is missing, she searches with all her might to find it.

“That’s the way God responds every time one lost sinner repents and turns to him. He says to all his angels, ‘Let’s have a joyous celebration, for that one who was lost I have found!’” (Luke 15:10)



The Loving Father

A father has two sons: one who asks for his inheritance and journeys far away to squander it, and an older son who dutifully stays with the Father. At different points in the story, the Father looks for each son to reconcile with him.

“My son, you are always with me by my side. Everything I have is yours to enjoy. It’s only right to celebrate like this and be overjoyed, because this brother of yours was once dead and gone, but now he is alive and back with us again. He was lost but now he is found!” (Luke 15:31-32)



What do we learn about God?

Our God cares deeply for us and celebrates when we return to him. Jesus makes the value of each individual clear, even though there were other sheep, other coins, and two brothers. Each time one was missing, all strength and energy went into finding what was lost. We each are precious to God! Jesus is reminding the leaders that at the heart of their beloved rules and systems is God’s desire to be in relationship with his children – so much so he will lovingly run toward his children rather than ask them to move through a system to find him.

