

## Insights from Luke

#59: "The Loving Shepherd Always  
Seeks After the Lost Sheep"

Luke 15:1-7

### **Psalm 80:1,3**

<sup>1</sup> Oh, give ear, Shepherd of Israel,  
You who lead Joseph like a flock;  
You who are enthroned above  
the cherubim, shine forth!

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<sup>3</sup> O God, restore us  
And cause Your face to shine upon us,  
and we will be saved."

### **Jeremiah 23:2**

<sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord God of  
Israel concerning the shepherds who are  
tending My people: 'You have scattered  
My flock and driven them away, and have  
not attended to them; behold, I am about to  
attend to you for the evil of your deeds,'  
declares the Lord."

### **Luke 15:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and the  
sinners were coming near Him to  
listen to Him. <sup>2</sup> Both the Pharisees  
and the scribes began to grumble,  
saying, 'This man receives sinners  
and eats with them.'"

### **Luke 15:3**

<sup>3</sup> So He told them this  
parable, saying...."

### **Luke 15:4**

<sup>4</sup> What man among you, if he has a  
hundred sheep and has lost one of  
them, does not leave the ninety-nine  
in the open pasture and go after the  
one which is lost until he finds it?"

**Luke 15:5**

“<sup>5</sup> When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.”

**Psalms 28:9**

“<sup>9</sup> Save Your people and bless Your inheritance; Be their shepherd also, and carry them forever.

**Ezekiel 34:16**

“<sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken and strengthen the sick; but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with judgment.”

**Hebrews 12:2**

“<sup>2</sup> Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

**Luke 15:6**

“<sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’”

**Luke 15:7**

“<sup>7</sup> I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

**Romans 3:12**

“<sup>12</sup> All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good; There is not even one.”

**Shepherding involves  
nurture and comfort  
as well as  
correction and rebuke  
when needed.**

**Ezekiel 34:11-12**

“<sup>11</sup> For thus says the Lord God, ‘Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day.’”

**Jeremiah 23:3,5**

“<sup>3</sup> ‘Then I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply.’”

“<sup>5</sup> ‘Behold, the days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; and He will reign as king and act wisely and do justice and righteousness in the land.’”

**John 10:11**

“<sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.”

**John 10:27**

“<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”

**Psalms 23:4c**

“<sup>4c</sup> Your rod and Your staff,  
they comfort me.”

**Hebrews 12:4-13**

“<sup>4</sup> You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; <sup>5</sup> and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, ‘My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reproved by Him; <sup>6</sup> For those whom the Lord loves, He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives.’ <sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?”

<sup>8</sup> But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup> Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? <sup>10</sup> For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. <sup>11</sup> All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble.”

**Ezekiel 34:4**

“<sup>4</sup> Those who are sickly you have not strengthened, the diseased you have not healed, the broken you have not bound up, the scattered you have not brought back, nor have you sought for the lost; but with force and with severity you have dominated them.”

**Luke 15:5**

“<sup>5</sup> When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.”

**I Peter 5:1-4**

“<sup>1</sup> Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, <sup>2</sup> shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; <sup>3</sup> nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.”

**How wonderful to see the saving initiative of God.**

**Acts 17:30**

“<sup>30</sup> ...God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent.”

**II Timothy 2:24-26**

“<sup>24</sup> The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, <sup>25</sup> with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, <sup>26</sup> and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.”

**We were all lost sheep and  
Jesus came to find us and  
bring us home.  
In the process, we learned to  
recognize His voice.**

**Isaiah 53:6**

“<sup>6</sup> All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

**Ezekiel 34:11**

“<sup>11</sup> For thus says the Lord God, ‘Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out

**John 10:3-5**

“<sup>3</sup> To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

**John 10:14**

“<sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me.”

**John 10:26-27**

“<sup>26</sup> But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”

**When you are weary from  
all that is in the world  
and exhausted with the battle  
over sin still present in your heart,  
remember that Jesus will  
bring you home.**

