

Insights from Luke

#60: "The Story of Lost and Found"

Luke 15:8-10

Luke 15:2

"² Both the Pharisees and the scribes began to grumble, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.'"

Exodus 15:24

"²⁴ So the people grumbled at Moses, saying, 'What shall we drink?'"

I Chronicles 16:27

"²⁷ Splendor and majesty are before Him, Strength and joy are in His place."

Nehemiah 8:10b

"¹⁰ ...Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Matthew 25:21,23

"²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ... ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'"

Lost Sheep -- Luke 15:7

"⁷ 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."

Lost Coin -- Luke 15:9b

"^{9b} ... Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!"

Lost Son -- Luke 15:23

"²³ ...and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate."

Luke 15:8-10

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

Luke 15:8

“⁸ Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?”

Luke 8:1-3

“¹ Soon afterwards, He began going around from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God. The twelve were with Him, ² and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³ and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means.”

“**coin**”

Luke 15:9

“⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!’”

Isaiah 66:13

“¹³ As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; And you will be comforted in Jerusalem.”

“The hard circumstances of our lives conspired to keep us away from God.”

Ryken, *Luke*, Vol. II, p. 120.

Luke 15:10

“¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Matthew 18:10

“¹⁰ See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 25:31

“³¹ But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.”

I Peter 1:12

“¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven — things into which angels long to look.”

Revelation 3:5

“⁵ He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

“...one sinner who repents.”

**God carefully
initiated and executed
a comprehensive search
for each one of us.**

**When a precious coin is found,
even though tarnished and marred
over time,
it is restored to its original splendor.**

**Without God's search,
we would never have been found.**