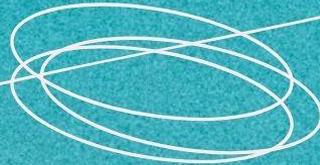


A SERMON ON THE
PRODIGAL SON, THE LOST
COIN AND THE LOST SHEEP

LUKE 15

our story



“A parable is a short, simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual truth, often featuring human characters and focusing on a clear-cut message”.

1 Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. 2 This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!



Luke 15:1-2 NLT

Jesus loved spending time with sinners,
tax collectors, outcasts, sick, and broken
people.

17 When Jesus heard this, he told them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.”



Mark 2:17

3 So Jesus told them this story: 4 “If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders.



Luke 15:3-5 NLT

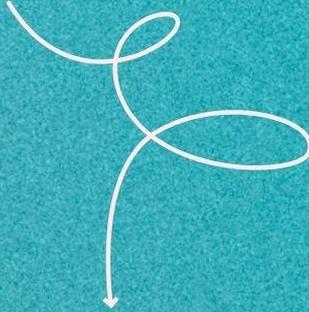
6 When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' 7 In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!"



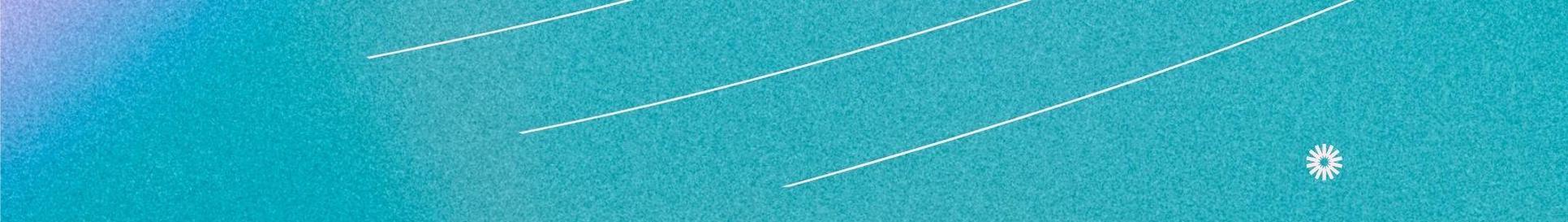
Luke 15:6-7 NLT

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE
AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR
EACH INDIVIDUAL SHEEP
WAS IMMENSE.

7 In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!



Luke 15:7 NLT



We should be rejoicing at people
coming to Jesus and being saved.



8 “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Won’t she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin.’ 10 In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels when even one sinner repents.”



Luke 15:8-10 NLT

10 In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents."



Luke 15:10 NLT

11 To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: “A man had two sons. 12 The younger son told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now before you die.’ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. 13 “A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living.”



Luke 15:11-13 NLT

14 About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. 15 He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. 16 The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.



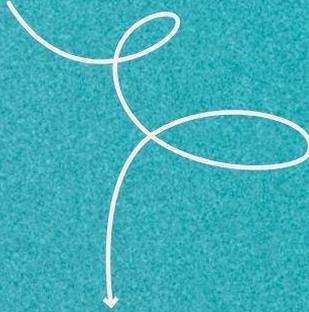
Luke 15:14-16 NLT

17 “When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will go home to my father and say, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, 19 and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.””



Luke 15:17-19 NLT

14 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.



Luke 15:14

This far away land represents our
sin and flesh.





Sometimes God allows us to reach rock bottom, so that we can humble ourselves and run back to Him.



20 “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. 21 His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’



Luke 15:20-21 NLT

22 “But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. 23 And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, 24 for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.”



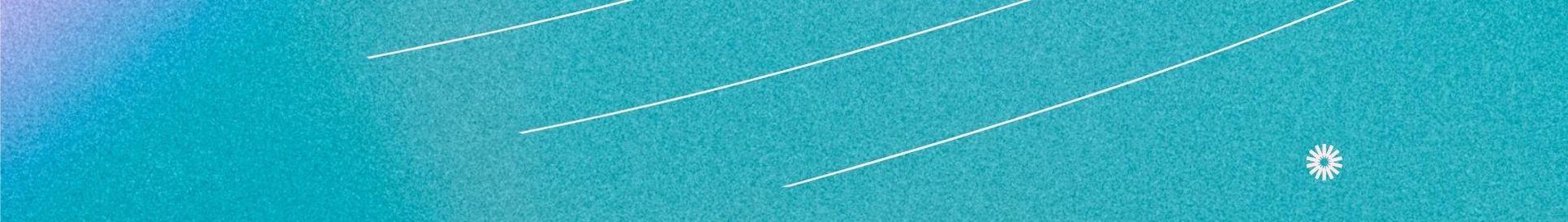
Luke 15:22-24 NLT



Actions:



- Robes were a sign of dignity and honor
- Sandals were a sign of freedom and status
- The ring symbolizes authority and restoration



Our heavenly Father restores us,
he clothes us and lifts us up, when
he has every single right to turn us
away and do away with us.



25 “Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, 26 and he asked one of the servants what was going on. 27 ‘Your brother is back,’ he was told, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.’



Luke 15:25-27 NLT

28 “The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in. His father came out and begged him, 29 but he replied, ‘All these years I’ve slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. 30 Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!’”

Luke 15:28-30 NLT

31 “His father said to him, ‘Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. 32 We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!’”



Luke 15:31-32 NLT



We are foolish and sinful and run away from God, but He is patient and when we humble ourselves, he restores us.



He wants to restore you
and bring healing to your
life. Will you let Him?

