



**DON'T MISS THE
PARTY
LUKE 15**

**LOST
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LUKE
15:1-7**



THE LOST SHEEP

- Two versions of the lost sheep.
Matthew 18:12 and Luke 15
- Matthew's version the sheep goes astray
- Luke's version the sheep is lost

HOW DO YOU LOSE A

- ~~SHEEP~~ ~~sheep~~ing it was missing
- So Luke's parable poses this question to us:
What person or thing of value could be missing from our life? Family? Friends? Joy?
- Our lives are full of 100 sheep and it is possible for something to slip away.



SHEPHERD

- Once the shepherd notices he lost something he goes out immediately to find it.
- The shepherd does not become stuck in self-pity, he chooses to act .
- He is determined to make his life whole again.
- Once the sheep is found a party is thrown

WHAT CAN WE TAKE FROM THIS?

- We are called to take action
- Once we notice what is missing we are encouraged to use all of our energy to find it.
- People think the shepherd is crazy to leave the other 99.



LOST COIN

LUKE 15:8-10



A DETERMINED SEARCH

- We can imagine the panic that has set in as the lady realizes she has lost her coin.
- It would be as if we lost a day's pay (\$200), but it was worth a lot more to her.
- We can also imagine the joy she had when she found the coin.

SEEKING THE LOST- AND BEING FOUND

- Just like the lost coin, God will light a lamp to find us when we are lost.
- Unlike the sheep the coin could not come back, it is up to us to find the lost coins.
- The coin is found and a party is thrown

**PRODIGA
L SON
LUKE
15:11-32**



THE STORY IN BRIEF

- A man had two sons
- One son wanted all of his inheritance now
- He leaves home, uses up all of his money
- He finds himself at rock bottom when the pigs are eating better than he is

A BREAKDOWN IN RELATIONSHIPS

- What would you do in this situation?
Pride?
Stubbornness?
- So many “friends” but still so alone?
- Luke 15:18
Humility



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

- How many of us are waiting for someone or something to “return home”?
- Lost time can't be regained but we still have not lost hope
- God never loses hope in us



HOLDING OUT

- The son returns!
- HOPE
- The party is throne
- This parable gives hope to those who long for reconciliation
- The older son rejects



- The younger brothers story needs to be told in the streets the older brothers story needs to be told in the church
- All three parables in Luke 15 concern the restoration of lost relationships—ultimately God seeking out human beings who were lost to Him and bringing them back into a loving relationship with Him.