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Finding the Lost Sheep
Luke 15:1-7

Luke 15:1 (ESV)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Him.

Luke 15:2 (ESV)

And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

Luke 15:3 (ESV)

So he told them this parable:

Luke 15:4 (ESV)

“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?”

Luke 15:5 (ESV)

And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

Luke 15:6 (ESV)

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 that was lost.’

Luke 15:7 (ESV)

Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

1. What the Shepherd Relinquishes for His Lost Sheep

Luke 15:4 (ESV)

“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country ...”

Luke 19:10 (ESV)

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

2. What the Shepherd Risks for His Lost Sheep

Luke 15:4 (ESV)

“... and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?”

Ezekiel 34:12 (ESV)

As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I

seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

John 10:11 (ESV)

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

3. How the Shepherd Rescues His Lost Sheep

Luke 15:5 (ESV)

And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

4. How the Shepherd Rejoices over His Lost Sheep

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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 that was lost. '

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