



# PARABLES

EXPLORING THE LIFE-CHANGING STORIES OF JESUS

**PARABLES, PART TWO - PASTOR NICK DEKOLD**

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## **THE LOST SHEEP, THE LOST COIN, THE LOST SON**

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable...

**Mark 4:33-34a NIV**

**Parable** - an earthly analogy that explains a heavenly reality

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

**Luke 15:1-2 NIV**

### **The Lost Sheep**

So Jesus told them this story: "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? And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

**Luke 15:3-7**

#### **1. YOU MATTER TO GOD**

### **The Lost Coin**

"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

**Luke 15:8-10**

#### **2. YOU ARE VALUABLE TO GOD**



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### The Lost Son

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. 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.' 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. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, 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 15:20 -24 NLT

### 3. YOU ARE FORGIVEN BY GOD

Slow are the feet of repentance but swift are the feet of forgiveness.

- Charles Spurgeon

Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick."

Luke 5:31