

The Lost Sheep

Luke 15:1-7

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Luke 15:1-7 Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. **2** But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” **3** Then Jesus told them this parable: **4** “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? **5** And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders **6** and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ **7** 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.

Aischunó is the Greek for “to shame”

Strong #153 *a verb meaning to disfigure, to dishonor, to suffuse with shame, to make ashamed, be ashamed*

John 10:11

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

Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep

Romans 8:1

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 1:16

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Ezekiel 34:12

As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.

Hebrews 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

John 6:37- 40

37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. **38** For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. **39** And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. **40** For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

Discussion Questions:

1. How can we apply the message of this parable to our own lives and our relationships with others?
2. What are some weaknesses in your life you can thank God for?
3. How has the enemy used your weaknesses (or shame) to separate you from God and others?
4. What is the most difficult part of these verses for you to understand?
5. Why do you think Jesus told this parable?
6. Have you accepted the full and complete forgiveness of God? Do you constantly dwell in guilt and shame instead of joy?
7. Pray for each other.

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