

**THE GREATEST STORYTELLER**  
*Exploring the Life-Changing Stories of Jesus*  
Lesson #2 – Lost and Found

**TEXT: Luke 15:1-32**

Being lost is a frightening experience. Have you ever been lost? No doubt Jesus knew His listeners could also relate to stories about being lost. So in Luke 15 he told 3 parables about 3 lost things. And Luke tells us why Jesus shared those stories. (READ Luke 15:1-2).

So Jesus tells these three parables for two reasons:

- To shame and silence His C\_\_\_\_\_.
  
- To show us how much His Father God loves L\_\_\_\_\_ L\_\_\_\_\_ people.

**I. THE LOST SHEEP (Luke 15:3-7)**

That lost sheep K\_\_\_\_\_ it was L\_\_\_\_\_, but it couldn't F\_\_\_\_\_ its way back home.

Likewise some people are lost due to their own F\_\_\_\_\_.

**II. THE LOST COIN (Luke 15:8-10)**

That lost coin D\_\_\_\_\_ know it was L\_\_\_\_\_, nor could it F\_\_\_\_\_ its way back home.

Likewise some people are lost due to the C\_\_\_\_\_ of others.

**III. THE LOST SON (Luke 15:11-32)**

That lost boy knew he was L\_\_\_\_\_, and he knew how to F\_\_\_\_\_ his way back home.

Likewise some people are lost due to their R\_\_\_\_\_.

Now why would a father do that? Why didn't he demand retribution from his son? Why didn't he make him a servant to teach him a lesson? Why didn't he follow Jewish law and stone him to death?

## **LESSONS FROM THE MASTER**

**Lesson #1: God Compassionately R\_\_\_\_\_ our Lost Condition.**  
(READ Hebrews 4:14-16)

**Lesson #2: God Diligently S\_\_\_\_\_ for Us when we are Lost.**  
(READ Matthew 18:14)

**Lesson #3: God Joyfully C\_\_\_\_\_ over our Return.**  
(READ Luke 15:7, 10, 24)

## **EPILOGUE**

Although this parable is not an allegory, Jesus apparently uses His story to teach certain truths. (READ Luke 15:25-32)

1. The father in this story represents G\_\_\_\_\_, who joyfully receives lost people with His unconditional love and forgiveness.
2. The younger son represents L\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_, who admit their sins and return to God with repentant hearts.
3. The older son represents S\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_, who criticize God for caring about the lost.

However, the most important focus of this parable is on the **forgiving father**, who represents our Heavenly Father, who is overjoyed when a sinner repents of his sin.