

Luke 15 is composed of three parables: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. The Pharisees felt safe and that they did not need to be found or saved. Would you accept their appraisal for yourself that you do not need to repent and be saved? Would you rejoice?

1. People Are Lost Outside the Kingdom of God. Luke 15:8

- When a girl married, she wore a headband of ten silver coins to signify that she was now a wife - Jewish version of a wedding ring.
- The ten silver coins are most likely the woman's *ketubah*, or dowry.
- The woman had to recover the symbolic authenticity of her marriage.
- Luke 20:24-25 "Show me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?" They said, "Caesar's." [25] He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."
- The woman would light a lamp in order to see into the dark corners in hope of finding the coin.
- Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
- Lost at home: Doesn't this imply that someone could be lost in a Christian home or the church?

2. People Rejoice at Regaining What Is Valuable. Luke 15:9

- Luke 15:6 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.' ESV
- We rejoice over a piece of property that is saved from a fire or tornado more than over any that has not been in danger.
- Friends and neighbors in Greek are feminine, indicating that the woman called together her women friends for a party.

- Pharisees were generally unimpressed with the moral character of women.
- To the Jewish leaders women, tax collectors, outsiders were sinners and not valuable to them. But the sinners with whom Jesus was associating were indeed extremely valuable to God.
- This love caused Christ our Shepherd to lay down His life, to die a horrible death on the Cross for that stubborn yet valuable sinner.

3. Believers Should Be the Woman Who Seek What is Valued by God. Luke 15:10

- Repentance is a sinner changing his mind and focus from self and the things of this world to worship of God's Savior. Repentance is not only for the beginning of our faith and salvation but a continuing walk of faith and growth toward Christ-like godliness.
- Romans 2:4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?
- To God, people are a prize! We are important and valued, and the transformation of a single sinner brings joy, not only to God.
- Lost sinners bear the image of God, even though that image is marred by sin. When a lost sinner is found, God begins to restore that image of His through the power of the Spirit; and one day, the believer will be like Jesus Christ.
- 2 Cor. 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. ESV
- The Pharisees were not pleased with Jesus; God was pleased that Jesus was seeking the lost souls and bringing them the good news of the kingdom.

The woman, the bride of Christ, is the Holy Spirit operating through the church seeking and searching lost sinners.

This is a sobering thought that our carelessness at home could result in a person being lost. Let's continue to seek & search.

路加福音 15:8-10

神國之外,人人沉淪 - 路加福音 15:8

"或是一個婦人有十塊錢，若失落一塊，豈不點上燈，打掃屋子，
細細地找，直到找著嗎？"

路加福音 20:24-25-"拿一個銀錢來給我看。這像和這號是誰的？"
他們說：「是凱撒的。」²⁵ 耶穌說：「這樣，凱撒的物當歸給凱
撒，神的物當歸給神。"

馬太福音 5:14-"你們是世上的光。城造在山上，是不能隱藏的。"

尋回失去寶貝,人人歡喜 - 路加福音 15:9

"找著了，就請朋友鄰舍來，對他們說：『我失落的那塊錢已經找著
了，你們和我一同歡喜吧！'"

路加福音 15:6-"就請朋友鄰舍來，對他們說：『我失去的羊已經找
著了，你們和我一同歡喜吧！'"

效法婦人,信徒尋找神所看愛的罪人 - 路加福音 15:10

"我告訴你們：一個罪人悔改，在神的使者面前也是這樣為他歡喜。
"

羅馬書 2:4-"還是你藐視他豐富的恩慈、寬容、忍耐，不曉得他的
恩慈是領你悔改呢？"

哥林多後書 3:18-"我們眾人既然敞著臉得以看見主的榮光，好像從
鏡子裡返照，就變成主的形狀，榮上加榮，如同從主的靈變成的。"