

# Exploring the Bible Series 3: Parables Unique to the Gospel of Luke



**WEEK 4 - THE PARABLE OF LUKE 15**

# THE PARABLE [SINGULAR!] OF LUKE 15

- ✘ v. 1-2 – Context: Publicans & Sinners (as ‘hearers’) vs Pharisees & Scribes (as ‘deriders’)
- ✘ v. 3-7 – One found sheep out of a 100.
  - + the ‘publicans and sinners’ → ex. Zacchaeus
- ✘ v. 8-10 – One found coin out of 10. Found inside the house.
  - + the ‘Pharisees and scribes’ → ex. Nicodemus
- ✘ v. 11-32 – One found son out of 2
  - + Younger Son = ‘publicans & sinners’
  - + Older Son = ‘Pharisees & scribes’

# FOUND SHEEP – 1 OUT OF 100



Luke 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repents, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Luke 19:8,10 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold... for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

# FOUND COIN – 1 OF 10

Luke 15: 8 Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?

John 19:38-39 After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, ... came and took the body of Jesus. And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds.



# TWO SONS - ECHO!

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Matthew 21:28 ¶ But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.

29 He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.

30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

31 Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God **before you.**

# THE FATHER



Luke 15:7 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of **my father's hired servants** have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!"

“When he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had **compassion**, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.” v.20

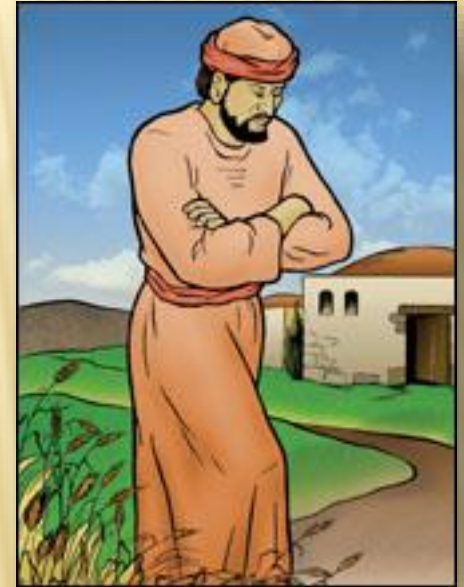
# THE YOUNGER SON

“Father, I have sinned  
against heaven, and  
before thee,  
and am no more worthy to  
be called thy son: make  
me as one of thy hired  
servants.” v.18-19



# THE OLDER SON

“Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:” v.29



**He had lived with his Father all those years, but he had NOT developed his Father's characteristics!**



# THE PARABLE OF THE FOUND!

- ✘ Luke 15:32 'It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'
- ✘ What happened to the elder son?
- ✘ We'll pick that up next week, God Willing →  
The Parable of the Unjust Steward of Luke 16

