

**WHY**

QUESTIONS THAT DESERVE ANSWERS

PART 8

**“WHY... THE GOSPEL EXISTS”**

**“Understanding the Heart and Love of God”**

(Luke 15:11-32)

INTRODUCTION:

**LUKE'S LARGER** \_\_\_\_\_ :

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

—Luke 19:10

**THE PARABLE'S LARGER** \_\_\_\_\_ :

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this 3-Part Parable is \_\_\_\_\_.

“Both the Pharisees and the scribes began to grumble, saying, ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them.’”

—Luke 15:2

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this 3-Part Parable is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lost and the \_\_\_\_\_ over the Found.

“Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!”

“Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!”

“...for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found. And they began to celebrate.”

—Luke 15:6, 9, 24

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this 3-Part Parable displays the common elements and rhythm of other parables, including \_\_\_\_\_.

“So He told them this parable, saying,...” (v. 3a)

**MOVEMENT 1: THE LOST** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3-7)

“What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them,...”

—Luke 15:4

**MOVEMENT 2: THE LOST** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8-10)

“Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one coin...”

—Luke 15:8

**MOVEMENT 3: THE LOST** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11-32)

“A certain man had two sons...”

—Luke 15:8

**SOME BASIC OBSERVATIONS ON ALL THREE:**

1. People are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
2. The Lost are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on there own.
3. The Lost have great \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. When \_\_\_\_\_ takes place on earth, there is great \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven.

**1A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ YOUNGER SON: A \_\_\_\_\_ ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ : (15:12-20a)**

*“The younger of them said to his father, ‘**Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.**’ So he divided his wealth between them. <sup>13</sup> “And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there **he squandered his estate with loose living....”***

**2A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ ELDER SON: A \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ : (15:25-28a)**

*“Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> “And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things could be. <sup>27</sup> “And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> **“But he became angry and was not willing to go in.”***

**3A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ FATHER: AMAZING \_\_\_\_\_ ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ : (15:20b-24; 28b-32)**

*“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, **and ran and embraced him and kissed him.** <sup>21</sup> “And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> “But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet; <sup>23</sup> and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’ And they began to celebrate.”*

—Luke 15:20b-24

- 1B. It is a love that \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2B. It is a love that \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3B. It is a love that \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4B. It is a love that \_\_\_\_\_.

**CONCLUSION:**

*“...and **his father came out and began pleading with him.** ”*

—Luke 15:28b