



## COME TO THE PARTY!

Mercy – Part 5

Luke 19

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*Jesus saved us, not because of the good things we did, **but BECAUSE OF HIS MERCY**. He washed away our sins and gave us **a new life** through the Holy Spirit. (Titus 3:5)*

*Jesus: "I have come to **SEEK** and to **SAVE** those who are **LOST**." (Luke 19:10)*

Jesus told 3 stories to explain what he meant:

- *The Lost Sheep* (Luke 15:1-7)
- *The Lost Coin* (Luke 15:8-10)
- *The Lost Son* (Luke 15:11-31)

'LOSTNESS' – **implies value**

### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I'M LOST?

**Like a lost sheep . . .**

#### 1. I LOSE **MY DIRECTION**.

*All of us have strayed away just like lost sheep. We've all left God's path to follow our own ways. (Isaiah 53:6)*

**Like a lost coin . . .**

#### 2. I LOSE **MY POTENTIAL**.

*No one has ever seen or heard or even imagined the wonderful things God has prepared and arranged for those who love him. (1 Corinthians 2:9)*

**Like a lost son . . .**

#### 3. I LOSE **MY HAPPINESS**.

*The younger son wasted all he'd been given and eventually he became miserable and lonely. (Luke 15:14)*

**BUT I DON'T LOSE - MY VALUE!**

## HOW DO I CONNECT WITH GOD'S MERCY?

### 1. I GET FED UP WITH MY LIFE.

... he wasted it all ... he had nothing left ... he got desperate and hungry ... then he finally came to his senses ... (Luke 15:13-17)

GOD: "You'll find me when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else." (Jeremiah 29:13 MSG)

### 2. I OWN UP TO MY SIN.

When he came to his senses, he said ... "I have sinned against God and you ..."  
(Luke 15:17-18)

### 3. I OFFER UP MYSELF.

The son drifted away saying, "**GIVE ME MY share** ..."  
(Luke 15:12)

He returned to the Father saying, "**MAKE ME a servant.**" (Luke 15:19)

## THE FATHER'S RESPONSE:

While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; HE RAN OUT to his son, threw his arms around him, and kissed him.  
(Luke 15:20)

## YOU ARE WORTH THIS MUCH:

God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son so that whoever believes in Him may not be lost, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)