

The Parable of the Found – Rejoicing in the Return

Text: Luke 15:8–10

Theme: Jesus' compassion for the lost and our call to pursue them with mercy and intentionality

Recap: Jesus Preaches with Parables

To _____ truth to those who are spiritually hungry. (Luke 8:10)

To _____ truth from those with hardened hearts (Matthew 13:13-15).

To move people from understanding to _____.

1. He Invited Personal _____

The Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:37

“go and do likewise” moving from knowledge to _____.

2. He Challenged _____ and Comfort Zones

The Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

The audience expected _____ for the wayward son.

3. He Created a Sense of _____

The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:24-27)

Jesus compares those who “hear His words but do not act” to a man building on sand. “_____ is not enough.” Obedience is necessary for a strong foundation.

4. He Used _____, Everyday Imagery

Example: The Parable of the Mustard Seed (Matthew 13:31-32)

This makes the lesson memorable and encourages listeners to live with hope and perseverance.

5. He Left the Listener with a _____

Many parables end with implied questions:

“What kind of soil are you?”

“Who will you serve?”

“Will you forgive as you’ve been forgiven?”

Jesus used parables to move people from _____ to _____ by:

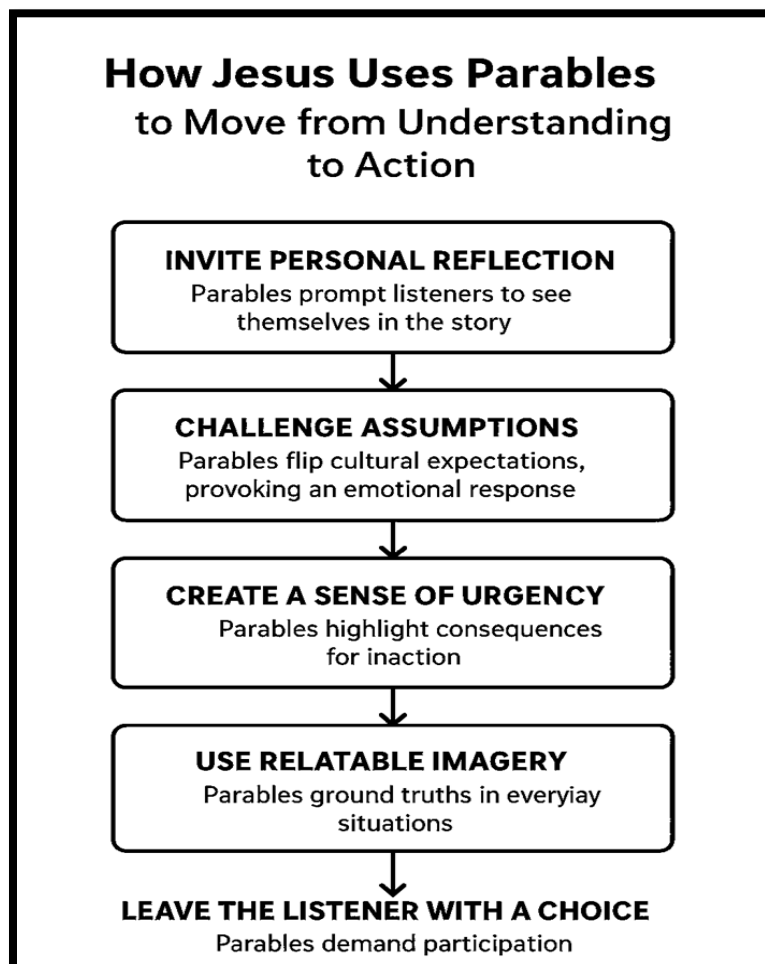
Inviting self-reflection rather than giving direct answers.

Challenging existing assumptions and attitudes.

Creating urgency through consequences.

Connecting truth to everyday life.

Leaving listeners with a personal decision to make.



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Verse 8 The _____ of the Lost

“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?”

_____ a lamp: Homes in ancient Palestine were dark, even during the day. The woman lights a lamp not because it's night, but because she needs clarity.

Psalm 119:105: "Your word is a _____ for my feet and a light on my path."

1 Corinthians 4:5: Christ will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and disclose the purposes of the heart.

_____ the house: She saw every portion of her house.

_____ carefully: Jesus emphasizes the intentionality. This isn't a casual glance—it's a determined, focused pursuit.

This woman's search is a picture of God's pursuit of us. He doesn't wait passively. He lights the lamp, sweeps the house, and searches with care.

Mercy and Intentionality

This parable calls us to reflect on two things:

God's _____ toward us: He didn't stumble upon us. He sought us out. He pursued us when we were hiding, hurting, or hardened.

Ephesians 2:12: "Without hope and without God in the world."

Our call to pursue others: Jesus models _____.

He didn't avoid sinners—He went to them. And He calls us to do the same.

Not with judgment, but with mercy.

Not with condemnation, but with compassion.

Verse 9 The _____ of Restoration

“And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!’”

Notice the shift: when all ten coins were present, there was no celebration. But when one was lost and then found—there’s rejoicing!

Sharing God’s Joy

In either story so far, have we been given any qualifiers for the sheep or coin?

Not just tolerate it. Celebrate it.

Verse 10 _____ Celebration

“Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the _____ of God over one sinner who repents.”

Hebrews 12:22–23 — We worship alongside “an innumerable company of angels.”

Hebrews 13:2 — Some have entertained angels without knowing it.

These parables display the image of celebration at different levels:

In the parable of the lost sheep, the celebration was in _____ (Luke 15:7).

In the parable of the lost coin, it is “before the _____.”

In the parable of the prodigal son, it is _____ who rejoices.

So what do we take away?

Jesus _____ the lost with mercy and intentionality.

God _____ over every sinner who repents.

Heaven _____ restoration.

We are called to do the same!