

# **The Heart of God**

## **Why Kingdom Builders Matters**

2 weeks ago: Justin and Tara Mac with us  
The founder of Project 42.

All about reaching the 42% of People that have no access to Jesus  
Last Week: Doug Shared the Heart of Kingdom Builders  
How being a Kingdom Builder is all about our heart  
Jake Shared about what our Students are doing

Next week....We give!  
We have been asking for each person to pray  
About what God wants us to do.  
Our kids, youth have done this and this next week is it.  
Big give Wednesday....kids again sunday  
Next week we will receive a miracle offering for KB

Back in February we started asking  
Make a Plan....And make a GOAL  
Next week is when we all give to reach our goal.  
It is so exciting and I can wait to walk this out!

**Today:** The Heart of God  
What's the point?  
All this talk of KB and Praying, Giving, Going  
We are 3 weeks in now.....what's the point?  
Can you guys just preach about something different?  
Not today....  
The point, the reason we focus in and put so much emphasis  
Is because this is the HEART OF GOD

### **THIS IS WHAT GOD IS ALL ABOUT**

It is the heartbeat of heaven  
From the moment Adam and Eve sinned,  
God has been on a rescue mission to bring us back to him.

**John 3:16 (Probably the most well known scripture of all time)**  
**“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son.”**

This is the Gospel, the good news, this is what it is all about  
In God giving his life for our sins, to be right with him....IT SHOWS HIS HEART

**2 Peter 3:9 says that God is...**  
**“not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”**

This is Gods heart.....This is what drives him  
This is what he cares about....  
Because that's His heart, it should become ours.  
That's why we *pray*, we *give*, and we *go*—  
So that others can know God's Love

In Luke 15, Jesus gives us three stories—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son.  
Each one reveals the heart of God:  
He seeks, He values, and He welcomes the lost.

This is so classic.....look at the first few verses of Luke 15

**Luke 15:1-2 (NIV)**

**Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”**

Picture this, Jesus is Teaching and the religious...those who “Knew God”  
Completely missed his heart  
They couldn't help but be self-righteous

So Jesus says ok.....its story time....I'm gonna Tell you what Im really all about.  
Starts with a story about a lost sheep

**LOST SHEEP- He Seeks The Lost**

**Luke 15:3-7 (NIV)**

**3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ 7 I tell you that**

**in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.**

The shepherd doesn't settle for 99%. He goes after the one that's missing.

That's the searching heart of God.

He **sees** the one lost in addiction, the one trapped in fear,  
the one wandering far off from Him.

But he does just SEE them.....

He chases after them

He is relentless....he will stop at nothing.

He seeks the lost.....searches for them

This is his heart!

### **Ezekiel 34:11-13 NIV**

**11 “For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. 12 As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land.**

This is a verse from the First part of the Bible. (Old Testament)

It is prophecy of Jesus coming as the Messiah

Showing the heart of God.

Heart of Jesus that sacrificed his life for us.

### **John 10:11**

**11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.**

When we become Kingdom Builders, we're joining the Shepherd in His search.

Every missionary, every church plant, every outreach—  
these are expressions of God's pursuit of the lost.

Back to our Text in Luke

Jesus doesn't just stop with the story of a lost sheep

He continues to show us more of his heart.

-Tells us about a LOST COIN

## **LOST COIN- God Values the Lost**

**Luke 15:8-10**

**8 “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins[a] and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”**

The woman searches her whole house for a single coin.

It may have seemed small, but to her, it had VALUE.

In the same way, no person is insignificant to God.

If could just catch THE VALUE GOD PLACES ON PEOPLE

We are not just his little subject that he messes with....like army figurines.

He Values us.....

The proof is in his design.

He made us in his image....as something valued..

**Psalms 139:13-14 (NIV)**

**For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.**

**14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful,**

**I know that full well.**

He didnt just slap us together....he knit us together.....design

Points the value he has placed on us....

His desire is for us to know him.....that is his heart

**Isaiah 43:1 (NIV)**

**“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;**

**I have summoned you by name; you are mine.**

Again....Value

Have you ever been talking to someone that is kind of important,

And you aren't even sure if they know your name?

Maybe you don't even expect them to...

And all of sudden they call you by name

It feels good!

Why? Because they value you enough to know who you are

That makes you feel important/ valued  
Then a step further.....he says "YOU ARE MINE"  
He claims us, wants us, values us

Like when a woman gets a wedding ring  
It's not just the diamond  
It's more than that! You are loved and valued sooooo much  
That he wants to spend forever with you  
And he put a ring on it.....

That is the VALUE that we have in Gods Eyes  
-He called us by name and we are his

God's search is not random—it's personal  
He knows every name, every story, every life that's lost  
and He values each and every one!

When we participate in Kingdom Builders, we declare, **"Every person matters."**

Whether we're helping to feed children, build churches, or translate Scripture  
WE ARE helping people discover their God-given worth.

That's why we talk about the 3 billion....42% with such passion  
That's why we can't just get over it!!

We know so let's just move on.....We can't!!!  
Each and every one of the 42% have significant value to God

So because God sees incredible value in each person  
Just like the Coin...it is worth the search

- It is worth the investment
- It is worth kids making the thing they made last week.....selling...baking...creating
- It is worth pockets of money we were saving for something we wanted or like
- It is worth the sacrifice and trust as we step out in faith
- It is worth the time in prayer, praying protection for our missionaries
- It is worth the time in prayer, praying for effectiveness in ministry
- It is worth the car ride or flight to GO and show people the love of Jesus
- It is worth the extra hours or side hustle to pay for a Missions trip

- It is worth the time in the last weeks service, the service before and next week
- It is worth it occupying our thoughts, our time, our Prayers!
- It is worth directing every action and every plan we have

GOD SAYS EACH AND EVERYONE is worth it!!!

Jesus doesnt stop at the 2 stories....he had more

## **THE LOST SON- God welcomes the lost.**

**Mark 15 :11-24 (NIV)**

**11 Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.**

**13 “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.**

**17 “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ 20 So he got up and went to his father.**

**“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.**

**21 “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’**

**22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.**

The father didn’t wait for his son to fix himself—he ran to meet him

That’s the heart of our Heavenly Father.

He’s ready to forgive, to restore, and to celebrate when His children come home.

He Welcomes us.....He invites us to him  
Regardless of our past mistakes & sins  
“If you only knew what I did...who I am”

### **HE DOES KNOW!!**

He welcomes you and me

#### **Romans 5:8 (NIV)**

**8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

This is one of my favorite scriptures  
It shows the heart of God that is open to everyone  
Nothing can keep you from his love

#### **Romans 8:38-39**

**8 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,[b] neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

This is the truth of God’s love  
Sometimes though we come up with stuff that disqualifies us  
-We add qualifications to God’s love that are not there  
We are hard on ourselves

That is not the love that God has....HE WELCOMES YOU!

Sometimes we also disqualify others for certain things  
-Even though we apply God’s love to cover our multitude of sins  
-This is where Christianity can get ugly

When we accept the grace and love for ourselves  
-But then disqualify others based on what they are doing...

Just like the son in the Story from Jesus...who squandered and sinned  
-Even when the son thought he was beyond his fathers grace

-Even when his brother thought he was beyond his fathers love

HE WAS WELCOMED

LOVE and GRACE was extended

THIS IS THE HEART OF GOD!

Knowing God's Heart and his love for people

And knowing the facts of how many don't have access to hear of HIS love

SHOULD MAKE US SAY.....**SOMETHING HAS TO CHANGE!!!!**

AND CHANGE STARTS WITH US

STARTS WITH YOU

**2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NIV)**

**18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.**

God not only welcomes the lost—He sends us to help bring them home

We are His ambassadors

Representing His open arms to the world

This is our Challenge

Our mandate

Our alignment with God

That we would Truly be Kingdom Builders

**BUILDERS OF HIS KINGDOM**

That we would SEEK the LOST

VALUE the LOST

And ultimately WELCOME the LOST

In each story—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son—

there is a search, a rescue, and a celebration

Heaven rejoices when the lost are found!

That's why Kingdom Builders is so important



We don't just give to projects  
-We give to people

We don't just send missionaries  
-We join God in His mission to redeem the world

**Romans 10:14-15 (NIV)**

**14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"**

So let's respond today:

- Pray with passion for the lost And for our Missionary Partners
- Give generously to build God's Kingdom.
- Go boldly wherever God leads.

When we pray, give, and go—we are carrying the heart of God to the world!

And every time a lost sheep is found  
a lost coin is recovered  
or a lost son comes home

**HEAVEN REJOICES!!!**