

The First Son

A message on **Luke 15:25-32**

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Luke 15

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

vv. 1-7: Lost sheep (1 lost out of 100)

vv. 8-10: Lost coin (1 lost out of 10)

vv. 11-32: Lost son (1 lost out of 2)

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Exodus 19

5 Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; **6** and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.”

7 So Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which the Lord had commanded him. **8** Then all the people answered together and said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do!” And Moses brought back the words of the people to the Lord.

Jeremiah 31

31 “Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, **32** not like the covenant which I made with their fathers on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord. **33** “For this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the Lord: “I will put My law within them and write it on their heart; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. **34** They will not teach again, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the Lord, “for I will forgive their wrongdoing, and their sin I will no longer remember.”

2 Samuel 7:16

16 Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.

Jeremiah 33:16

14 'Behold, days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will fulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah. **15** In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch of David sprout; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth.

Romans 11

11 I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? Far from it! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. **2** God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew.

11 I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? Far from it! But by their wrongdoing salvation *has come* to the Gentiles, to make them jealous. **12** Now if their wrongdoing *proves to be* riches for the world, and their failure, riches for the Gentiles, how much more *will* their fulfillment *be*! **13** But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Therefore insofar as I am an apostle of Gentiles, I magnify my ministry **14** if somehow I may move my own people to jealousy and save some of them.

Luke 15:7

7 I tell you that in the same way, there will be *more* joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.

1 Corinthians 9:21-22

21 to those who are without the Law, *I became* as one without the Law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might gain those who are without the Law. **22** To the weak I became weak, that I might gain the weak; I have become all things to all people, so that I may by all means save some.

Reflection Question

How does our weekly routine reflect the importance of celebrating the lost being found?