

The Intentional Church-Church Clearly – Part 6

Luke 15:1-24

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen." Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV)

"...With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." Mark 10:27 (NIV)

COMMON THEMES OF JESUS' THREE STORIES:

1. THE PROBLEM: SOMETHING IMPORTANT IS LOST.

- The sheep was lost because of foolishness.
- The coin was lost because of Carelessness.
- The son was lost because of Sinfulness.

2. THE PURSUIT: THERE'S NO REST UNTIL IT'S RECOVERED.

"If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it?" Luke 15:4 (NLT)

"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Won't she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it?" Luke 15:8 (NLT)

"So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him." Luke 15:20 (NLT)

3. THE PARTY: FINDING ALWAYS RESULTS IN REJOICING.

"When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'" Luke 15:6 (NLT)

"And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin.'" Luke 15:9 (NLT)

"But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began." Luke 15:22-24 (NLT)