

Life-Changing Stories Part 4 – Luke 15

Heaven's Joy & the Father's Heart

Intro – Degrees of Lost

The level of relief in finding is a measure of the value of the thing that is lost

Context: Grumpy Religious Leaders who don't approve of Jesus's choice of dining companions

1. A Shepherd who seeks a lost sheep (15:1-6)

The one matters
Listen to the Shepherd's heart
The joy of heaven

2. A Woman who searches thoroughly (15:7-10)

A precious loss
Communal rejoicing
Celebrating conversations

3. Two Lost Sons and a Longing, Loving Father (15:11-32)

Son 1 – disrespects, deserts, descends

Returning from rock bottom

Have you crossed a line that makes you too far gone?

The Father

Longing, Looking, running, embracing
The Heart of God – He welcomes the sinner back into the family

Son 2 – so near, yet so far away ... lost without knowing it

Misunderstanding Sonship

An invitation, whether you think you are too bad, or whether you are confident that you are good enough ... repent! And get the party started!