

# VOLUME 8, UNIT 23, SESSION 3 (CSB)

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## **POINT 1: THE LOST ARE SOUGHT WITH URGENCY**

(LUKE 15:3-7).

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “What man among you, who has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open field and go after the lost one until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> When he has found it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders, <sup>6</sup> and coming home, he calls his friends and neighbors together, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!’ <sup>7</sup> I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who don’t need repentance.”

## **POINT 2: THE LOST ARE SOUGHT WITH DILIGENCE**

(LUKE 15:8-10).

<sup>8</sup> “Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found the silver coin I lost!’ <sup>10</sup> I tell you, in the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels over one sinner who repents.”

## **POINT 3: THE LOST ARE SOUGHT WITH COMPASSION**

(LUKE 15:11-24).

<sup>11</sup> He also said, “A man had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the estate I have coming to me.’ So he distributed the assets to them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all he had and traveled to a distant country, where he squandered his estate in foolish living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he had nothing. <sup>15</sup> Then he went to work for one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to eat his fill from the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one would give him anything. <sup>17</sup> When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food, and here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I’ll get up, go to my father, and say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. <sup>19</sup> I’m no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired workers.”’ <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father. But while the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I’m no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> “But the father told his servants, ‘Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Then bring the fattened calf and slaughter it, and let’s celebrate with a feast, <sup>24</sup> because this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ So they began to celebrate.”

