

THE ONE

talk it
over

KEY SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:8-10

PURSUE GOD

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

Being lost doesn't mean you're not seen.

Carelessness. You chose the wrong friends, you find yourself in the wrong environments, and you make the wrong choices. Being lost

Jesus was surrounded by the despised and the those who were thought to be collaborating with the enemy who occupied their lands. The Pharisees and teachers knew the law. They knew the Scriptures warned against intimate fellowship, with those labeled as, sinners. For them Jesus was toying a dangerous line of defiance. He was too close to the unclean. He was too close to those society had marginalized or written off as hopeless.

Sinners cause people to stumble.

Sinners don't have their life together.

Sinners have a bad reputation.

Sinners sway judgment, corrode character, and limit influence.

But in this circle Jesus flipped the flow of influence. He wasn't the one being influenced, He was THE ONE influencing. He turned the table and reminded the people God loves the one. God goes after the one. And the one who is lost, is the one He is on His way to find.

*I was lost, before I was found
I was Yours, before I was not
Grace to spare, for all my mistakes
And that part just wrecks me... You love me as You find Me
Hillsong United "As You Find Me"*

LOVE LIFE

Who is THE ONE in your circle of influence you want to see at found?