

LUKE 15:1-2 NKJV

¹Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him.
²And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them."

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LUKE 15:3-6 NKJV

³So He spoke this parable to them, saying:
⁴"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?
⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing."

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LUKE 15:3-6 NKJV

⁶"And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!'"

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LUKE 15:8-9 NKJV

⁸"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!'"

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LUKE 15:11-19 NKJV

¹¹Then He said: "A certain man had two sons.
¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. ¹³And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living."

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LUKE 15:11-19 NKJV

¹⁴"But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. ¹⁵Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything."

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LUKE 15:11-19 NKJV

¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, ¹⁹and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.’”

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3 words that “color” the emotions of this scene:

Anxiety

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Without God, man is lost...

Intellectually

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ROMANS 1:20-23 NKJV

²⁰For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God,...

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ROMANS 1:20-23 NKJV

...nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

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Without God, man is lost...

Morally

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ROMANS 1:24-25 NKJV

²⁴Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, ²⁵who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

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Without God, man is lost...

Emotionally

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ROMANS 1:26-27 NKJV

²⁶For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. ²⁷Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

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Without God, man is lost...

Spiritually

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ROMANS 1:28; 2:1-3 NKJV

²⁸And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting...

¹Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

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ROMANS 1:28; 2:1-3 NKJV

²But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. ³And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?

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3 words that "color" the emotions of this scene:

Intensity

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For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. —MATTHEW 18:11 NKJV

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God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. —JAMES 4:6b NKJV

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3 words that "color" the emotions of this scene:

Joy

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LUKE 15:6, 9, 32 NKJV

⁶"And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' ...⁹And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!'"

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LUKE 15:6, 9, 32 NKJV

³²"It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found."

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A parable speaks to our hearts...

1. God's love and grace are greater than our sin.

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A parable speaks to our hearts...

2. God receives, forgives and restores sinners who come to Him in humility and faith.

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A parable speaks to our hearts...

3. We need to see and love this lost world through the eyes of a loving Father.

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A parable speaks to our hearts...

4. We must guard our hearts and repent of attitudes that keep us from rejoicing in that which God rejoices.

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