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Luke 15:8-10

Have you ever lost something valuable to you? How hard did you look for it? How did you feel when you found it?

Luke 15 is the "Lost and Found" chapter of the Bible.

- 15:1-3 Context
- 15:4-7 Lost Sheep
- 15:8-10 Lost Coin
- 15:11-31 Lost Son

A parable is "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning." It uses a story from everyday life to illustrate spiritual truth. These three parables show three views of mankind: we are lost sheep, we are a lost coin, we are the prodigal son.

**There is one underlying message in all three parables:
God rejoices when a lost sinner is found!**

We are all lost sinners by nature and behavior. Jesus is the friend of sinners and died so that we could be found. Christ came to seek and save the lost (see Luke 19:10).

The Parable of the Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10)

- The Lost Coin (15:8a) Value those who are lost
- The Diligent Search (15:8b) Seek those who are lost
- The Joyful Celebration (15:9) Celebrate those who are found
- The Personal Application (15:10) Share God's heart for finding the lost

Do you have **God's heart** to find the lost?

- Lost people break the heart of God (Matthew 9:36-38)
- When lost people are found, God rejoices (Luke 15:7,10,22-24,31; Zech. 3:17)

Are you **prepared** to help find those who are lost?

How are you **engaged** in finding those who are lost?

Who has God placed on your **heart** that is lost?