

The Hunter and the Seeker

Discovering the *Seeking Heart* of God in *Luke 15*



Luke 15:1-2(NIV)

“Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, ‘This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.’”

Two Kinds of Hunters: Blind hunter vs. tracker

Pharisees waited for sinners

Jesus goes after them

God is a tracker – and He calls us to seek



Luke 15:4-7(NIV)

“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'”

The Lost Sheep: Sheep wander slowly, not suddenly

We drift through small compromises

God tracks us step by step

You have been found — or He is tracking you right now



Luke 15:8-10(NIV)

“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.'”

The Lost Coin: The coin sits in the dark

Some people live unaware of the light searching for them

Seeking those who aren't asking is costly

Will we disrupt our comfort?



Luke 15:20(NIV)

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.”

Luke 15:28-30(NIV)

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.

Luke 15:28-30(NIV)

But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!"

The Lost Son

Younger son: rebellion, waste, brokenness

Older son: resentment, pride, distance

Two kinds of lost:
One Father who runs toward both



The Heart of God

God seeks the wandering

God seeks the unaware

God seeks the resentful

His pursuit is relentless and personal



Challenge #1

Take a step toward someone in the *wilderness*

Call them

Visit them

Show up physically, not just digitally



Challenge #2

Disrupt your *comfort* for someone who doesn't know they're lost

Rearrange your *schedule*

Step into their *world*

Shine *light* where they aren't looking



Challenge #3

Extend *grace* to someone already on their way back

Meet them halfway

Celebrate progress

Remove barriers, not add them



Final Call

A person to pursue

A space to disrupt

A grace to extend

Become a seeker like your Father

