

Parable of the Lost Coin

You Never Lose Your Value to God

WEEK 7

OVERVIEW

1. God never stops searching for the lost
2. God rejoices when we come home

OPENING QUESTIONS

- Have you ever gotten lost? How did that feel?
- What comes to mind when you think of "home"?

INTRODUCTION

God, it seems you've been our home forever; long before the mountains were born, long before you brought earth itself to birth...

– Psalm 90:1 MSG

God wants us to feel at home with him—to be secure, to know who we are, and to always find our way toward him.

1. GOD NEVER STOPS SEARCHING FOR THE LOST

"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?"

– Luke 15:8 NIV

- **What do you do when you lose something important to you?** Like this woman, when we misplace or lose something dear to us, we often stop everything else and search carefully until we find that treasure.
- **God searches for us.** God will always "light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully" until he finds us. When we are lost and disconnected from him, he is eager and passionate about finding us and bringing us home.
- If we feel lost, we can learn from this story that there are a few key things we can do to find our way home to God:
 - **Let God light a lamp in our lives.** God's Word is a lamp that lights up your way (see [Luke 1:79 TPT](#) and [Psalm 119:105](#)). The more you read it, the more you will find clarity about how to strengthen your relationship with God.
 - **Let God sweep the house** by bringing any sins, emotions, and desires you may have hidden into the open and turning away from those sins.
 - **Let God search carefully** inside our hearts by digging deep and understanding why we do the things we do (for more on how to do that, see the first two studies in our Parables of Jesus Series: [Understand Yourself to Understand God](#) and [Dig Deep to Stand Strong](#)).

Pause and reflect

- Have you experienced feeling spiritually lost? When?
- How does it make you feel to know that God won't give up searching for you when you feel lost?
- Which of the three things mentioned above would be most helpful to focus on this week?

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2. GOD REJOICES WHEN WE COME HOME

“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.”

– Luke 15:9-10 NIV

- **God feels immense joy when we make decisions to turn to him.** He celebrates when he finds us and values us genuinely no matter how we think about ourselves or how lost we have been.
- **You will impact others when you come home to God.** Not only does God rejoice when he finds you, but that joy is shared. The woman in the story calls together her friends and neighbors to celebrate with her. This teaches us that God wants others to share in our change of heart and life.

Pause and reflect

- How does it make you feel to know that God rejoices every time you choose to be close to him, no matter how lost you may feel?
- Who else’s life has changed or can change by your turning to God?