

Are You Lost?

Luke 15

Okay, here we go...

The parables of the lost stuff! As usual, most of us have an opinion, an understanding, thoughts about, what all this means. I would like to remind everyone before we start that we are looking for a deeper knowledge --- spiritual understanding.

literal --- figurative --- spiritual

There are three parables. But we will focus on the prodigal son/daughter. 😊

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1. What is your understanding?

For the first two parables we will move quickly. The 3rd --- the prodigal son --- will be our focus for the next three lessons.

The first two speak of a man and a woman. Both have lost something of value and both items are recovered. In addition, both parables indicate all of creation is watching. These parables prepare us for the last one.

Luke 15:11-32

2. What are the spiritual roles of the Father / lost son / son at home?

This is obviously a story about believers.

Ephesians 4:17-24

Ephesians 5:8-13

Paul teaches that we should no longer walk like we used to, which means we can and possibly will. He even explains why and then how we should act differently.

3. Did the Father lose the son?

So obviously, the son made a choice. He had everything the Father could provide, but it wasn't enough. Why not?

4. Name his mental attitude.

Last week we talked about the spirit burning within us. Here we have a similar thought.

Luke 15:17

When he came to himself.

This really is a story of release and recovery of self, an 'Ah-Ha' moment.

- Count the cost.
- Follow Me.
- Lay down your life.

Lose your life --- gain your life.

This is an illustration of saving his life and losing it in return.

The Father NEVER loses you. We lose ourselves. We lose the way -- mental attitude of anger - lust - envy - pride.

5. In what circumstance in your life have you lost your way?

If we refuse to recognize where God is calling us back from, we won't return.

I think it is interesting that the Father waited. Why not go get him and force him home? ... mental attitude...

Next week we look at the son that stayed home.