

# To Pursue The Lost

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January 12, 2025 | *Luke 15:1-7*



## Observations from Luke 15:1-7:

What is happening in these verses?

- **Criticism vs Compassion: (v1-3)**

- Jesus responds to criticism from the Pharisees and scribes for welcoming sinners. (tax collectors and sinners)
  - Additional Verses: *Matthew 9:10-13, Luke 19:10*

- **The Shepherd's Search For The Lost: (v4-6):**

- Leaves the 99 to pursue the one lost sheep.
  - Additional Verses: *John 10:11, Psalm 23:1-4*

- **The Joy of Restoration In The Finding: (v5-6):**

- Carries the sheep back rejoicing.
  - Additional Verses: *Isaiah 40:11, Luke 15:22-24*

- **Heaven's Celebration Over One Sinner: (v7):**

- Greater joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 who think they need no repentance.
  - Additional Verses: *Luke 15:10, Isaiah 62:5*

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# Love Across the Lines

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## Lessons from Luke 15:1-7:

What can we learn (interpret) from these verses?

- **The Shepherd Represents God:**

- His love is relentless and sacrificial.
  - Supporting Verse: *Ezekiel 34:11-12, Psalm 100:3, Isaiah 53:6, Micah 7:18-19*

- **Celebrate In Joining The 99:**

- Heaven rejoices more over one sinner who repents than over the 99.
  - Supporting Verse: *Zephaniah 3:17, Isaiah 62:5, Luke 7:47, Revelation 19:7*

- **Reflect / Mirror God's Heart In The Pursuit:**

- Believers are called to care for the lost.
  - Supporting Verse: *2 Peter 3:9, Matthew 5:16, Galatians 6:2, Matthew 28:19-20, Proverbs 24:11*

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## Application from Luke 15:1-7:

How can I apply / live out these verses?

- **Respond to God's Pursuit in Faith:** Begin seeing others through God's eyes, especially those who are lost or struggling.
  - Supporting Verse: *Psalm 139:14, Ephesians 2:10, Luke 6:36, 1 Samuel 16:7*
- **Just as Christ Pursued you, Pursue the Lost:** Identify one person in your life who is spiritually disconnected. Take an intentional step to reach out.
  - Supporting Verse: *Galatians 6:1, Matthew 18:12, 2 Corinthians 5:18-19, James 5:19-20*
- **Celebrate New Believers, Baptism, Repentance, and Restoration:** Rejoice with heaven when someone repents or returns to God.
  - Supporting Verse: *Isaiah 12:3, Luke 15:10, Acts 2:41, Romans 6:4*

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