

Relentless Hope

December 1, 2024 | *Luke 15:8-10*

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FINDING JOY IN
WHAT WAS LOST

Observations from Luke 15:8-10

What is happening in these verses?

Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents
- Luke 15:8-10

Opening Question: If you knew heaven rejoiced over just one person being restored, how would it shape the way you seek the lost in your own life?

The Parable's Symbols:

- **The Woman:** God seeking the lost, the Church continuing His mission, and the believer seeking salvation (faith / belief in Christ).
- **The Coin:** Represents something precious—a lost person or a neglected truth.
- **The Lamp:** The Word and Spirit illuminating the way.
- **Sweeping:** Examining and clearing obstacles in the heart for restoration.
- **Celebration:** Reflects the joy of heaven and the Advent theme of hope in Christ.

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Lessons from Luke 15:8-10:

What can we learn (interpret) from these verses?

The Value of the Lost (*Luke 15:8*):

- Each individual is immensely valuable to God, and no one is beyond His reach. - *John 3:16, Matthew 18:12-14.*

God's Diligence in Seeking (*Luke 15:8-9*):

- God's pursuit is relentless, carried forward by His Word and Spirit, as reflected in the Church's mission. - *Luke 19:10, Psalm 119:105.*

Heaven's Joy in Redemption (*Luke 15:10*):

- The joy of restoration is shared by heaven, the Church, and the believer. - *Luke 15:7, Zephaniah 3:17*

Connection to Jeremiah 33:14-16:

- God's faithfulness in sending the "righteous Branch" (Christ) is the fulfillment of God's promise to seek and save. - *Matthew 1:21, 2 Peter 3:9*
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Application from Luke 15:8-10

How can I apply / live out these verses?

- **Respond in Faith to God's Pursuit:**
 - God values and actively seeks you, even in moments of doubt or loss. Respond to his pursuit by faith in Him (Be Saved!) - *Romans 5:8*
 - **Join in the Church's Mission:**
 - Be a light in the dark by sharing in the hope of Christ. - *Matthew 5:14-16*
 - **Examine (Sweep) Your Heart Clean:**
 - Examine your heart for distractions or sin, and clear the way for God's truth to work in your life. - *Psalm 139:23-24*
 - **Celebrate the Lost Being Found:**
 - Rejoice in the salvation of others. - *Philippians 4:4*
 - **Prepare for Christ's (First and Second) Coming:**
 - Live with hope, trusting in God's promises, and remain ready for His return. - *2 Peter 3:9*
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