

## Luke 15

Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son

### REVIEW:

- 1) Be willing to enter the Zone of the Unknown
- 2) Listen to the Spirit's Promptings
- 3) Just Walk

## Living in 3D

### 1) Develop Friendships

#### Proverbs 19:22

What a man desires is unfailing love...

#### Mark 3:14

He appointed twelve--designating them apostles--that they **might be with him** and that he might send them out to preach...

### EXCERPTS

He somehow saw the godly worshiper clothed as a worn, wearied prostitute. The faithful disciple hiding inside the fisherman named Simon. The hidden philanthropist in the life of a crooked tax collector named Zacchaeus. The risk-taker in the cowardly Jewish ruler named Nicodemus. What a fantastic gift he had for seeing what nobody else could see!

Jesus' supernatural vision regarding people's potential gave him irrepressible optimism as he engaged with vagrants, liars, cowards, and crooks. To them all, the promise was the same. The old *can* become new, Jesus said. The fallen *can* be restored. The prideful *can* be humbled. The wanderers *can* come home. The weak *can* become strong. Derelicts *can* become disciples. At its core, this is what it means to develop friendships with spiritual goals in mind.

Jesus truly believed in the power of God to transform human lives – a belief that motivated his insatiable pursuit of all sorts of people at all points on the spiritual spectrum. He was fierce in his determination to look past ill-timed comments and inappropriate actions. He dreamed about what could happen in a person's life if God's power were released in them – and so he pushed through people's fear and sin, and he kept including people, loving people, and lifting people up to their fullest potential.

### 2) Discover Stories

#### Proverbs 20:5

The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out.

#### 1 Peter 3:15

...**Always be prepared** to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

### 3) Discern Appropriate Next Steps

#### 1 Corinthians 9:22

To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.