



Lost and Found

Woe to the shepherds of Israel...You haven't strengthened the diseased...neither have you brought back that which was driven away, neither have you sought that which was lost; but with force and with rigor you have ruled over them – Ezekiel 34:2-4

[Luke 15:1-10, Perea] Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming close to him to hear him. The Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, "This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them."

He told them this parable. "Which of you men, if you had one hundred sheep, and lost one of them, wouldn't leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one that was lost, until he found it? When he has found it, he carries it on his shoulders, rejoicing. When he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me,

There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner repenting

for I have found my sheep which was lost!' I tell you that even so there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. Or what woman, if she had ten drachma coins, if she lost one drachma coin, wouldn't light a lamp, sweep the house, and seek diligently until she found it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the drachma which I had lost.' Even so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner repenting."

1. Do you help Jesus search for the lost? How so? Do you celebrate them or judge them?

2. Do you murmur? About what? How can you rejoice with others? How can you help?

3. Jesus, I was lost, but you found me; thank you for throwing a party with the angels to...