

The Stories Jesus Told (Series)

The Parable of the Found

Scripture: Luke 15:1-24

Big Question: What do the parables of the found teach us and mean for our lives?

Big Idea:

*The worst thing in the world is **not to be a sinner**... but a sinner **without the salvation of Jesus**.*

Introduction: *Lost remotes*

The Parables of the Lost

- V. #1-2 Context: Two audiences
 - Those who **know** they are lost
 - Those who **don't know** they are lost.
- V. #3-10 Escalation of value: *a sheep - a salary - a son*
- V. 11-12 God loves us when we **reject** Him
- V. 13-20a God loves us when we are **repulsed** by sin and selves.
- V. 20b-21 God loves us when we **repent** of our sin and selves.
- V. 22-24 God's love **retrieves, restores, and redeems** us when we are lost.

Applications: How do I take possession of this message and live it out in my life?

- What does it actually mean that we are restored by Jesus?
 - Long Robe = We are **set apart** as God's children
 - Signet Ring = We possess the **status** of a child of God
 - Sandals = We are no longer slaves but **sons and daughters of God**
 - Fattened Calf = We have a **seat at the celebration table of God**

For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

Luke 15:24