

Lost Sheep – A Shepherd's Love

Luke 15:1-7

Luke 15:1-3 (NLT)

¹ Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach.

² This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!

³ So Jesus told them this story:

Luke 15:4-7 (NLT)

⁴ “If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it?

⁵ And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders.

⁶ When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’

⁷ In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!



I. You are Extremely Valuable
to Father.

II. You need a Good Shepherd

A. To Help You in Times of Need.



You need a Good Shepherd: B. To Protect You

1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)

⁸ Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

Psalm 23:1-6 (NLT)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

² He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.

³ He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

⁴ Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

⁶ Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 91:1-16 (NKJV)

¹ He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "*He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.*" Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler *And* from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, *And* under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth *shall be your* shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, *Nor* of the arrow *that* flies by day, *Nor* of the pestilence *that* walks in darkness, *Nor* of the destruction *that* lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, *And* ten thousand at your right hand; *But* it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, *And* see the reward of the wicked.

⁹ Because you have made the LORD, *who is* my refuge, *Even* the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

¹⁴ "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.

¹⁵ He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.

¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."

The background of the slide is a blurred photograph of a coastal scene. In the distance, there are mountains or hills under a hazy sky. The middle ground shows a body of water, possibly a lake or a bay, with some faint outlines of land or structures. The overall color palette is soft and muted, with pastel tones of blue, green, and white.

You need a Good Shepherd:

C. To Guide You

John 14:1-6 (NLT)

¹ “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me.

² There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.”

⁵ “No, we don’t know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.



You need a good Shepherd:

D. To find you because you are lost.

Isaiah 53:6 (NLT)

⁶ All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.