

## The Sheep, the Coin and the Son

Luke 15

What happens when our relationship with God is flawed?

The father's response

### Considerations for the week

Jesus told these three parables in response to tax collectors, sinners and Pharisees. If the story were retold in today's society, how would each of these parts be recast? Would it bother you to dine with them today? Would they be welcomed here?

What do the three parables tell us about the heart of God?

Explore the extent to which you may identify with one of the characters in the parable of the prodigal son. As you've heard the parable at various times, have you seen yourself in different characters?

The three parables reveal different perspectives in Jesus' teaching. Discuss these and how His choice of different settings affirm additional facets of His love for us and nuances in how He deals with us individually.

What do these parables teach us about God's love for us?

It seems likely that Jesus told similar parables on different occasions and for different audiences. The parable of the lost sheep is also told in Matthew 18. Compare how these renditions of the parable are given and comment upon their applications and meaning in varied circumstances.

*Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.*



**So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.**

– Luke 15:20, NIV

Scripture read today during worship:

Luke 15

Colossians 1:13-14

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**We're glad you came.**

## Today's order of service

Prelude

Call to worship

Hymn, *Let Everything That Has Breath*

Confession and assurance

Hymn 464 in the hymnal  
*Shepherd of Love*

Hymn 465 in the hymnal, *In His Time*

Hymn, *Reckless Love*

Offertory

Reading,  
Special music, *Part the Waters*

Message

Hymn of Response 462 in the hymnal  
*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Benediction

## Weekly Events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45 pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm  
pre-registration required

The Names of God, women's Bible study,  
Tuesday at 10 am or Thursday at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner served 5:30-6:00 pm, this week's menu:

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 5:30 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational  
English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

During-the-week Bible studies on Zoom or in-person

The Truth Project, men's Bible study, Thursday, 7 pm

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Getting to the Heart of Parenting, Saturday at 3:30 pm

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

**The church office has information on events.**

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The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

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**Women of Joy**  
Women's retreat  
September 29 - October 1  
San Antonio

**Streetlight Ministry package assembly**  
Today after worship

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