

Lost

One of my dogs is named Dolly. One day, I went outside to pet her. She was not there. She was missing. All day passed, and I thought she was lost. But we got a call from our friends, who live about 10 minutes away and they said Dolly was at their house. Somehow she had made it to their house. Dolly was lost but became found.

In Luke 15, there are three parables about a thing, a person, and an animal getting lost but then being found. There is the parable of the lost coin, the parable of the lost sheep, and the parable of the lost son. All three are examples of something/someone being lost and in all three parables they are found.

The parable of the lost coin is similar to the parable of the lost sheep. In both of these parables, something of value has been lost, and their owners searched without rest until they found it. When they did find it, they did not just rejoice, but their friends and neighbors rejoiced with them. Jesus said we are infinitely valuable to God and when we are lost and alone, he searches and looks for us and does all he can to rescue us. When we finally realize how lost we are and turn back to him with repentance, he rejoices with all of heaven. In Luke 15:10, Jesus said, "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

In the parable of the lost sheep, one sheep out of one hundred is lost. Ninety-nine sheep are left in the wilderness, while the shepherd went to look for the lost one. He found the lost sheep and rejoiced. He called all his friends and neighbors to celebrate with him.

Luke 19:10 states that, "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." Just like the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus will search for a lost person, someone who is in sin. And when that person is saved, Jesus (the shepherd) will rejoice with God and the angels in heaven.

Likewise, in the parable of the lost son, a father had two sons. The younger son told him to give him his inheritance. So the son spent it all, became broke, and went back to his father to see if he would take him as a hired servant. Luke 15: 24 tells us, when his father saw him, he said, "for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

Just like the father in the parable, Jesus has compassion on us when we come back to him. In Isaiah 30: 18, it says, "Therefore the Lord will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all those who wait for Him." Everyone in heaven will rejoice when a sinner is saved. We need to turn to Jesus because in 2 Peter 3:9, it says, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing any should perish but that all should come to repentance." Jesus wants us to turn back to him, like the parables of the lost coin, sheep, and son. Jesus reminds us how valuable we are to Him and God, and he wants us to become found and not lost anymore.

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In Our Thoughts & Prayers



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Every "One" Counts: Until we meet again, the way we collect this money may change, but there is money set aside for those in need. Last week we helped put some food on the shelves for Bright Futures. It is run through the school system and identifies families in need. They identify the family we help at Christmas each year. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Please join us on the website, Facebook, or YouTube for our **Sunday services**. They will be live at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Our elders are staying current on the **corona virus** issue. They are talking about it with professionals and are praying about how to best serve and support our members during this difficult time. They are praying for each of you. If you have a need, you may contact one of them.

We are available in the **office** each morning from 8:30 and 11:30. Just ring the doorbell in front if we can be of service to you or call the office at 425-2724.



This Sunday's Sermons:

AM: *Rely on God Who Raises the Dead*
(Danny Boggs)

PM: *Poor in Spirit and Really Blessed*
(Danny Boggs)

Thank you for continuing to send your **contributions**. The elders appreciate your commitment in this area. You may still mail them or drop them off at the building.



The **Lads to Leaders** convention that was scheduled for this coming weekend was obviously canceled. We still want to recognize all the hard work that was done by our children and youth. Some things were submitted like the articles that you read last week and this week and were given awards. Others did not get to present their work. These students learned a lot about the book of Luke. They have showed their dedication to learning about God's word. We are thankful to have such amazing young servants of God in our congregation. We are proud of them all.

Here are some wonderful **resources** for encouragement.

- PTP365. These are lessons from Polishing the Pulpit. Go to 365.polishingthepulpit.com, user name: Hillcrest Church of Christ, password: Hillcrest.
- Christian Courier has articles on many different topics. Just go to their website and search for a topic.
- Our website has many of our past sermons, including gospel meetings and the ladies day. You can also listen to singing anytime our services are not being broadcast.



Our week at **Green Valley Bible Camp** is June 7-13. We are planning for a great week. It is only two months away and we are praying that we will be able to be together for this week of camp. Make your plans now. You can register by going on-line at greenvalleybiblecamp.com.



PRAYER LEADERS

When we are able to assemble together again, this area will contain the names of those men who will lead us in prayer. If you had a Wednesday evening assignment, those will be continued in the order that was given in the March assignments as soon as we are able to meet together again.

RECORDS	4-5-20	4-7-19
Bible Study		130
AM Worship		172
PM Worship		127
Wednesday		118
Contribution	\$7,461.45	\$8,663.99
Budget	\$7,864.15	\$7,717.37