

Daily Devotion For February 12, 2021

The Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost (Luke 19:10).

In yesterday's devotion I mentioned that Sherry had lost her cell phone. Did she find it? Unfortunately, No. Everyone has had the dreaded experience of losing something. Cell phones, keys, wallets, and money are all prime examples. The existence of Lost and Found departments in shopping malls tells me that people losing things is a common experience. Things are lost. Things are found. We're glad and relieved when lost things are returned to us!

Why would you relentlessly search for a misplaced wallet, but not bother to go after a nickel you misplaced? Lost things of significant value will cause us to make a great effort to recover them. Jesus used this truth to try and open the Pharisees' hearts and eyes. Offended by those whom Jesus spent time with, the Pharisees and the religious teachers complained that "He was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!" (Luke 15:2).

Intended to be a scathing attack on Jesus' character, they had instead affirmed the very work Jesus came to do: To save those who knew they were lost sinners (Matthew 9:13; Luke 19:10).

In response to their self-righteous attitudes, Jesus told them in Luke 15, three different stories—a lost sheep, a lost coin, and a lost son. Luke 15 is like the Lost and Found department of the Bible. All three stories can be summarized by just four words: lost, search, found, rejoice. All three stories paint for us an unmistakable picture of who God is. A loving God who seeks to save lost sinners (Luke 19:10).

Thought For Today: What things of value have you lost lately? What emotions did you have when you found that item? What emotions did you have if you didn't find that item? As a parent, have you ever "lost" your child? Thank God that he seeks and saves the Lost

Today's Prayer Focus: Take time today to pray for those you know who are "lost" without knowing the saving grace of God. Continue to pray this week's prayer fuel. Deo Volente.