

Series: The Story

Message: What Happens To Those Who Embrace The Story? Part 2

Scripture: Luke 15:1-32

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1. What Is The Story?
redefines the gospel
2. Who Needs The Story?
redefines sin
3. Who Will Embrace The Story?
redefines repentance
4. What Happens To Those Who Embrace The Story?

Last Week:

- 1) They Know Their Heavenly Father As He Really Is.
redefines the nature of God

This Week:

- 2) They Enjoy Living With A Sense Of Personal Worth.
redefines man's worth

2 Corinthians 5:21

²¹ He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Next Week:

- 3) They Enjoy Living In The Security Of Their Father's House.
redefines relating to God

The Lost Sheep

15 Now all the tax collectors and the [a]s sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him.² Both the Pharisees and the scribes began to grumble, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³ So He told them this parable, saying, ⁴ "What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in

the ⁵open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? ⁶When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁷And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' ⁸I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

The Lost Coin

⁹"Or what woman, if she has ten ¹⁰silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ¹¹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!' ¹²In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Prodigal Son

¹³And He said, "A man had two sons. ¹⁴The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.' So he divided his ¹⁵wealth between them. ¹⁶And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living. ¹⁷Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be impoverished. ¹⁸So he went and ¹⁹hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ²⁰And he would have gladly filled his stomach with the ²¹podas that the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him. ²²But when he came to ²³his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! ²⁴I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and ²⁵in your sight; ²⁶I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men."' ²⁷So he got up and came

to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet; ²³ and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things could be. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ But he became angry and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and began pleading with him. ²⁹ But he answered and said to his father, 'Look! For so many years I have been serving you and I have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends; ³⁰ but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.' ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.'"