

The Lost Parables Of Jesus

GOD'S HEART FOR SINNERS



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If the coin was lost due to the actions, perhaps even the carelessness, of someone else, how might this concept translate with respect to a person who is far from God?

We are told that the woman does two things to aid in her search for the coin she has lost. She lights a lamp, and she sweeps the house.

What light can we use to aid us as we seek people around us that have been lost?

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We're also told that she was careful in her search. Some translations say diligent. Look up the dictionary definitions of careful and diligent.

What can we glean about how the Lord wants us to treat those who are outside of a relationship with Him? Why might this level of care be more necessary for someone who is lost in the way a coin might be lost?

When the woman finds the coin, she likely spends more than the coin is even worth, celebrating with her friends and neighbors. Why would she do this? How might that apply to how God views His children that are found?

What can we learn about God from this passage?

Is there anything you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to look at more closely?

Prayer:

Father, thank you for your gentleness, for your kindness, and for your persistence in desiring all who are lost to be found. Thank you for inviting us into the process of finding and celebrating those who come to you, no matter how they were lost. May we reflect your gentleness, kindness, and steadfastness as we use your light to search the dust for the one we hope to find. In the name of Jesus, amen.

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