

Lost & Found

Recall a time when you lost your keys, your glasses, or a password(s). What happened?

Read [Luke 15:11–32](#)

As you read, pay particular attention to the actions, words, and attitudes of the father and the two sons.

Ponder the following:

1. **The Father's Lavish Love — Luke 15:11–24**

What stands out to you most about the father's response when the younger son returns home? What does this reveal about God's heart toward people who have wandered, failed, or come to Him in repentance?

Where do you personally need to receive the Father's gracious welcome more deeply?

2. **"While He Was Still a Long Way Off" — Luke 15:20**

Why do you think Jesus emphasizes that the father saw his son "while he was still a long way off," ran to him, embraced him, and kissed him?

What does this communicate about the nature of grace?

3. **Two Ways of Being Lost — Luke 15:25–30**

The younger brother was lost through rebellion, while the older brother was lost through resentment and self-righteousness.

What similarities do you see between the two brothers?

In what ways can religious activity, responsibility, or doing the "right things" sometimes hide a heart that is far from the Father?

4. **"This Brother of Yours" — Luke 15:31–32**

The older brother says, "This son of yours," but the father responds, "This brother of yours." Why is that distinction significant?

Who are some people we might be tempted to keep at a distance rather than welcome as brothers and sisters? What would it look like to see them through the Father's eyes?

5. **Refocusing Our Vision**

The sermon describes several ways we can begin to see others with the Father's vision: **lavish love and acceptance, genuine joy, warm and welcoming attitudes, gratitude for grace, and eagerness to share God's grace.**

Which of these is easiest for you? Which is most challenging? Why?

6. **Grace for the People Around Us — [Luke 15:1–2, 11–32](#)**

Jesus told this story in response to religious people who were upset that He welcomed sinners.

Where do you encounter people who may feel lost, lonely, ashamed, unwanted, or spiritually distant?

What is one tangible way you could help someone experience the Father's welcome this week?

7. **Personally and for Others**

Today's big message: **Refocus with Jesus' vision. See our Father's gracious love—personally and for others."**

Complete these two sentences:

- **"I need to remember God's grace toward me by..."**
- **"I can extend God's grace toward someone else by..."**

Spend a few moments praying for the people and situations God brings to mind.

Get Ready for Next Week!

Read [Luke 16](#). As you read, ask yourself: "What does Jesus teach me about how I use what God has entrusted to me—my money, possessions, opportunities, relationships, and influence?"