

The Magic of Mercy

Part 7: How Much You Matter to God



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Jesus saved us, not because of the good things we did, but because of His mercy. (Titus 3:5)

Jesus said, "I have come to seek and to save those who are lost." (Luke 19:10)

Jesus told three back-to-back stories to explain what He meant:

The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7)

The Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10)

The Lost Son (Luke 15:11-31)

What Do I Have to Lose?

1. I lose my _____.

Like the Lost Sheep ...

All of us have strayed away like lost sheep. We've all left God's path to follow our own ways. (Isaiah 53:6)

2. I lose my _____.

Like the Lost Sheep ...

*"My people are wandering like lost sheep, without a shepherd to protect and **guide** them." (Zechariah 10:2)*

The Lord is my shepherd. (Psalm 23:1)

Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd." (John 10:11)

For we know that all things work together for good in the lives of those who love God and are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

3. I lose my _____.

Like the Lost Coin ...

Example: A dollar has the potential of being spent on many good things. If I lose it, it isn't worthless. It's just wasted. It hasn't lost any of its value. (It's still worth a dollar!) But it's lost its potential.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has even imagined, all that God has prepared for those who love Him! (1 Corinthians 2:9)

Only your Creator knows what you're capable of!

4. I lose my _____.

Like the Lost Son ...

*Jesus said: "In My Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there now to prepare a place for you. But I will come back to get you, to take you to be with Me."
(John 14:2-3)*

Right now God is ready to welcome you! Today He's ready to save you! (2 Corinthians 6:2)

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Part 8: Showing Mercy to My Family**