

God's Pursuit



SafePlaceSM

Luke 15:1-7 *Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!*

So Jesus told them this story: “If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the open country and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders.

When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbours, saying, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!

1. The Price

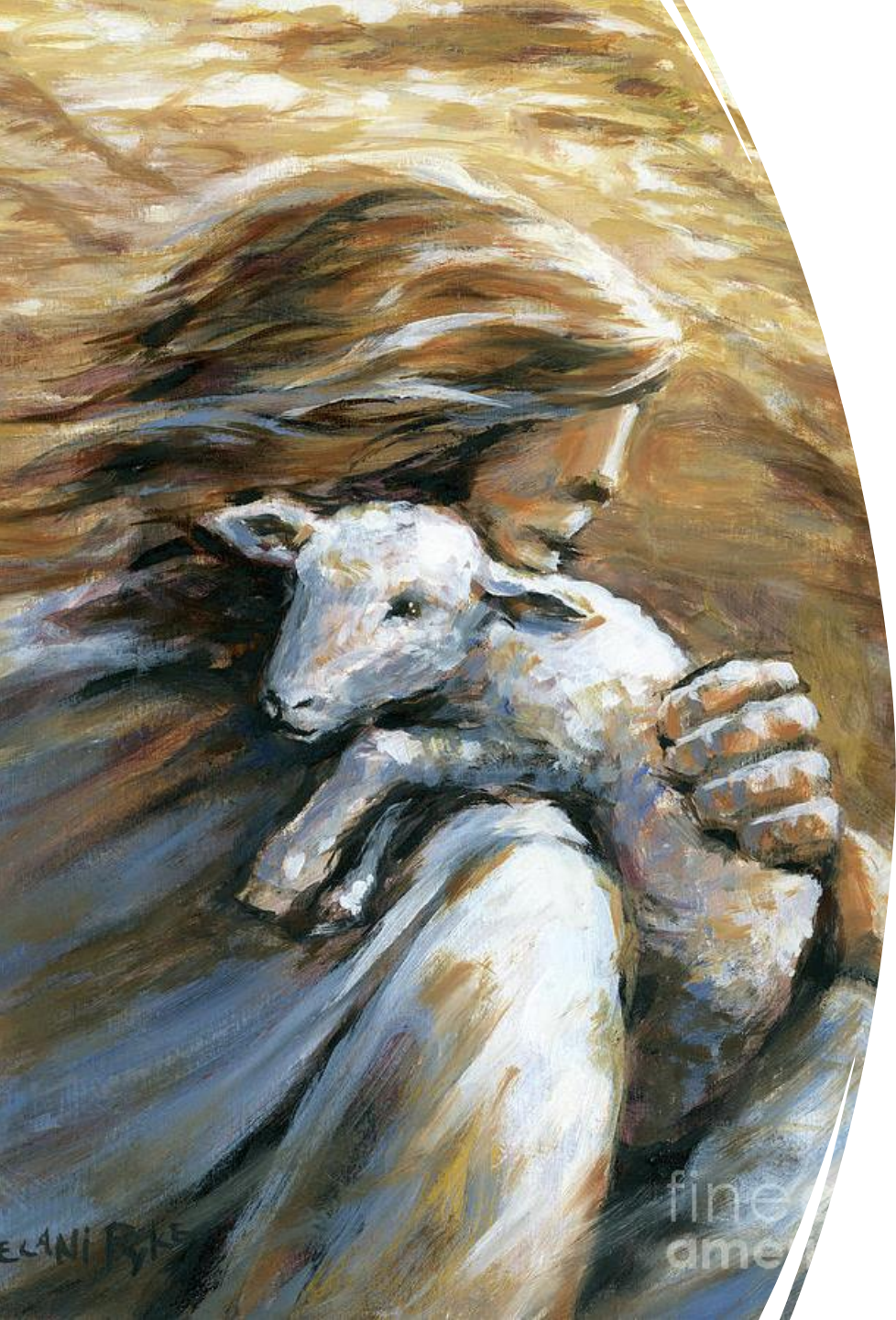
Context: Luke 14:25-35

- Jesus before relationships (v26)
- Sacrificial life (v27)
- Count the cost (v28-29)
- Don't start a battle you can't win (v31-32)

2. The Passion.

(a) Passion for the Lost Motivates:

Luke 15:4 *“If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the open country and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it?”*



2. The Passion.

(b) Lost Need to be Carried:

Luke 15:5 *And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders.*

Galatians 6:2 *Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.*

3. The Celebration

Luke 15:6-7 *When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!*