

**A Mother's Joy... And God's (Luke 15:1-10)**

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*[1] Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. [2] And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." [3] So he told them this parable: [4] "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? [5] And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. [6] And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' [7] Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. [8] "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? [9] And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' [10] Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

Notes:

*[10] For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." [Luke 19:10 ESV]*

*[11] I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ... [John 10:11 ESV]*

*[30] ...whoever (wins) captures souls is wise. [Prov 11:30 ESV]*

*[4] I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. [3John 1:4 ESV]*