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Luke 15:1-10

The Story of the Lost Sheep

1 Tax collectors and “sinners” all came near to listen to Jesus. 2 Then the Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to complain, “This man welcomes sinners! He even EATS with them!”

3 Then Jesus gave them this example: 4 “Suppose a man has 100 sheep, but he loses one of them. He will leave the other 99 sheep in the open country, and he will go out and look for the lost one. The man will continue to search for the lost sheep until he finds it. 5 And, when he finds the sheep, the man is very happy. The man carries it home on his shoulders. 6 He goes to his friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me, because I found my lost sheep!’ 7 I tell you, there is much joy in heaven when one sinner changes his heart. There is more joy for that one sinner than there is for 99 good people who don’t need to change their hearts.”

The Story of the Lost Coin

8 “Suppose a woman has ten silver coins, but she loses one of them. The woman gets a light and sweeps the house. She will look carefully for the coin until she finds it. 9 And when she finds the lost coin, she will call her friends and neighbors and say to them, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found the coin which I lost!’

10 In the same way, I tell you, there will be joy before the angels of God when one sinner changes his heart.”