

# HOW MUCH YOU MATTER TO GOD

The Miracle of Mercy – Part 5

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*“Jesus saved us, not because of the good things we did, but **BECAUSE OF HIS MERCY**. He washed away our sins and gave us a new life through the Holy Spirit.”*  
Titus 3:5

Jesus: *“I have come to **SEEK** and to **SAVE** those who are **LOST**.”*  
Luke 19:10

Jesus told 3 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)

‘LOSTNESS’ \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT DO I LOSE WHEN I’M SPIRITUALLY “LOST”?

Like a lost sheep . . .

1. I LOSE \_\_\_\_\_  
*“All of us have strayed away just like lost sheep. We’ve all left God’s path to follow our own ways.”*  
Isaiah 53:6

2. I LOSE \_\_\_\_\_  
*“My people are wandering like lost sheep, without a shepherd to protect and guide them.”*  
Zechariah 10:2

Like a lost coin . . .

3. I LOSE \_\_\_\_\_  
*“No one has ever seen or heard or even imagined the wonderful things God has prepared and arranged for those who love him.”*  
1 Corinthians 2:9

Like a lost son . . .

4. I LOSE \_\_\_\_\_  
*“The younger son wasted all he’d been given and eventually he became miserable and lonely.”*  
Luke 15:14

Our wandering nature separates us from God  
Our circumstances can separate us from God  
Our choices separate us from God

5. I LOSE \_\_\_\_\_  
*“What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, if he loses his soul?”*  
Luke 9:25

BUT I DON’T LOSE \_\_\_\_\_ !

*“God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life.”*

John 3:16

## HOW DOES GOD’S MERCY “SAVE” ME?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*“Jesus is the only one who can bring us to God. He became a human and gave himself to rescue all of us.”* 1 Timothy 2:5

*“Trust me in your times of trouble, and I will rescue you, and you will give me glory.”*  
Psalm 50:15

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and worn out from carrying too much. Learn to trust and rest in me and you’ll recover your life.”*  
Matthew 11:28

*“I will give you back what you lost in the years when the locusts ate all your crops.”*  
Joel 2:25

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
*“Anyone who connects to Christ becomes a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything becomes new. God has done it all! He sent Christ to make peace between himself and us.”*  
2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (CEV)

## HOW DO I CONNECT WITH GOD’S MERCY?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*“. . . he wasted it all . . . he had nothing left . . . he got desperate and hungry . . . then he finally came to his senses . . .”*  
Luke 15:13-17

GOD: *“You’ll find me when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else.”*  
Jeremiah 29:13 (Mes)

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*“When he came to his senses, he said . . . ‘I have sinned against God and you . . .’”*  
Luke 15:17-18

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
The son drifted away saying “GIVE ME MY share . . .” Luke 15:12  
He returned to the Father saying “MAKE ME a servant” Luke 15:19

## THE FATHER’S RESPONSE

*“While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; HE RAN OUT to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.”*  
Luke 15:20