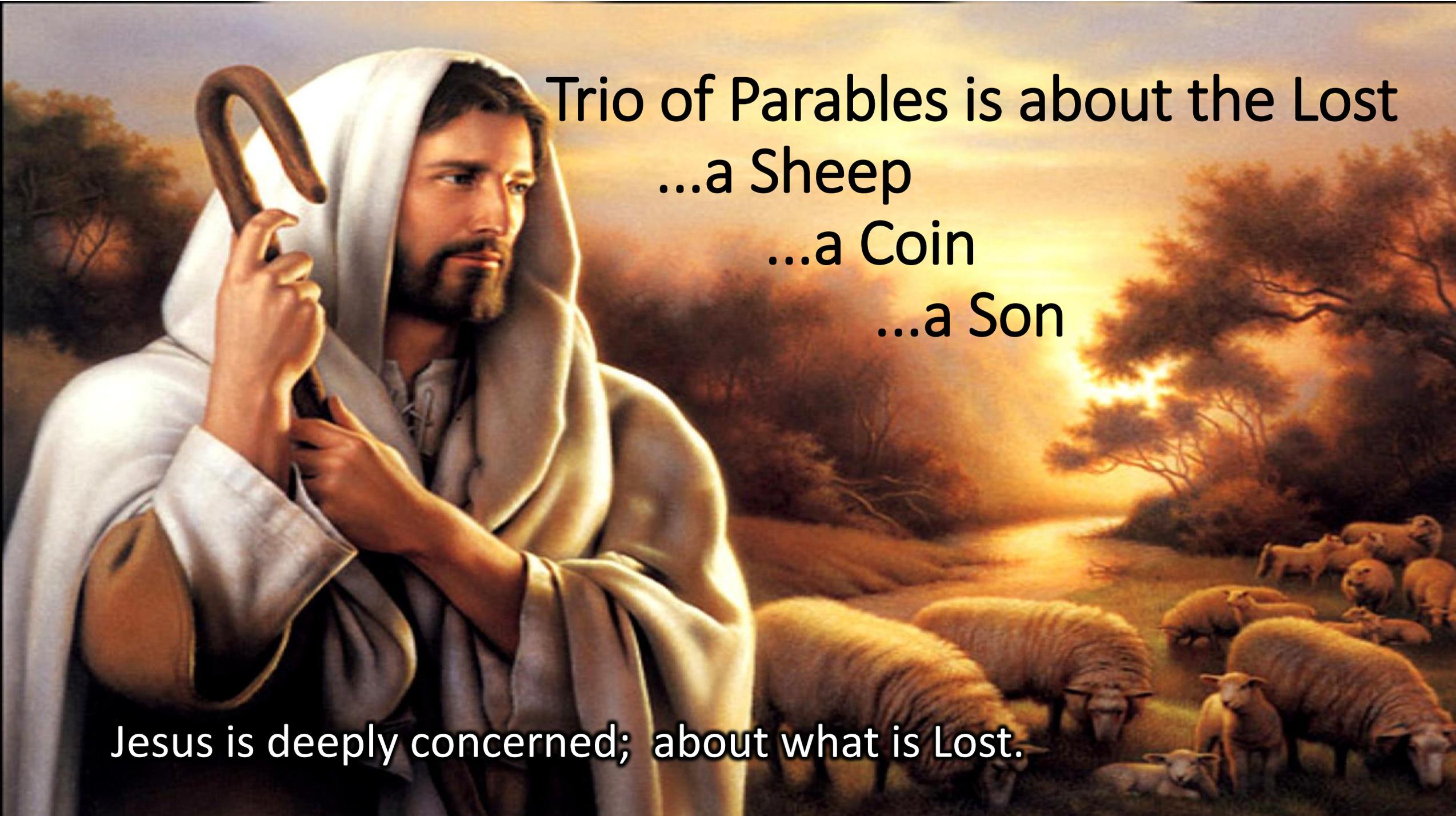




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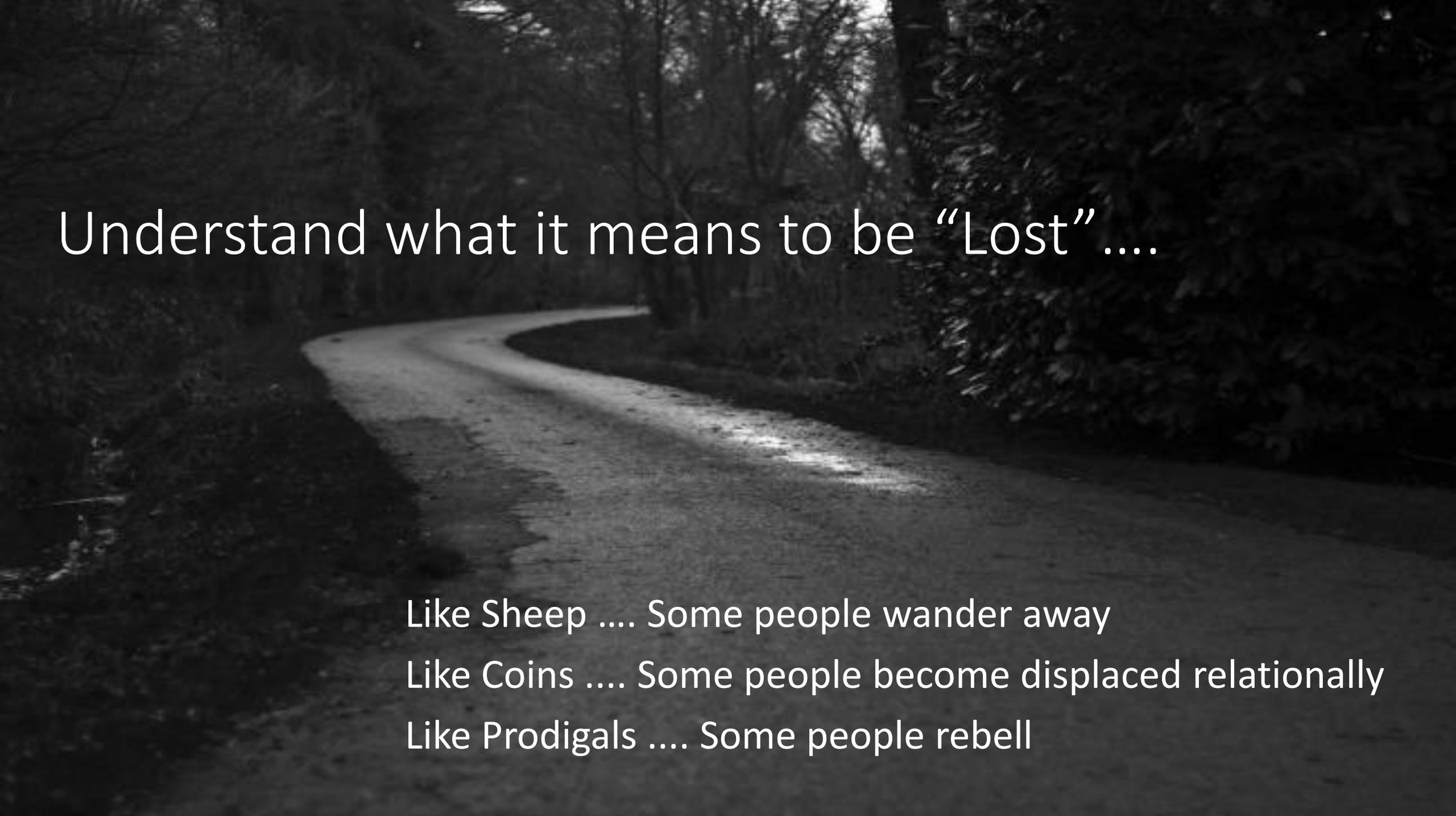
Key Text... Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost ." NIV



Trio of Parables is about the Lost
...a Sheep
...a Coin
...a Son

Jesus is deeply concerned; about what is Lost.



Understand what it means to be “Lost”

Like Sheep Some people wander away

Like Coins Some people become displaced relationally

Like Prodigals Some people rebel

From the first two parables we learn EVERYONE MATTERS...

Luke 15:4

Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? NIV

Luke 15:8-9

Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? NIV



There is an intense search for the lost...

Romans 5:6-11

When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, no one is likely to die for a good person, though someone might be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.



Romans 5:6-11

And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's judgment. For since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by his life. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God — all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God. NLT



From the third parable we learn EVERYONE HAS A FREE WILL...

Luke 15:14-17

After he (the lost son) had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses... NIV



From the third parable we learn...

IT WAS THE ELDER SON'S RESPONSIBILITY TO "SEARCH AND RESCUE" THE YOUNGER SON...

The church (symbolic of first born sons) is responsible for the search and rescue of wandering sheep, displaced people and rebellious prodigals...



From all three parables we learn EVERYONE'S RESTORATION IS CELEBRATED...



Luke 15:6 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'

Luke 15:9 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.'

Luke 15:21-24 But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

What can we learn from these parables?

All 3 Losses were Significant...

First 2 Search and Rescue Missions were Proactive ...

The Third Search and Rescue Mission was Provisional ...

But All 3 Restorations were greatly Celebrated!

Luke 15:10

...In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents.



How do we apply these parables?

You Matter to Jesus...

Perhaps you identify best with the sheep who wandered?

Perhaps you identify best with the coin that was displaced in clutter?

Perhaps you identify best with the rebellious son?

Jesus is searching for you...

Jesus wants to rescue and restore your life...

