

The “Lost” Parables

Pastor Mark Wilks, LUKE 15:1-32

1. The God of joy.

- God’s joy is connected to those who repent, because He has recovered the lost!
- The Joy of the Lord is contagious! Lk. 15:6,7,9,10
- If joy is important; why don’t we have more joy?

2. The God of grace.

- The younger son is demanding, greedy and shameful.
- We see God’s grace: God is watching, God runs, God embraces him.
- In the Middle Eastern culture this father’s action is shameful.

3. The God of reconciliation.

- “The son’s rebellion and departure were a death, to himself and his father.” J.R. Edwards
- The older son “in the field” is a metaphor for his separation from his father.
- The older son says, “I deserve this!” Salvation is not something I deserve.

Application:

- 1) When we study the parables - don’t be self-righteous by viewing yourself as the good one in the story.
- 2) If you are running from God, Come home!
- 3) If you are acting like the older brother stop looking at others and join the Father!