



## **Luke 15**

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-The heart of our Father is to be in intimate relationship with His children. God doesn't wish that any person would perish, but that all would be saved. As believers, now that we know the truth, we persuade others.

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-Like the woman searching through her house for her lost coin, we should be seeking and searching to find the ways to reach the lost. We put in effort and leave no stone unturned, doing all we can to let others know that Jesus is the answer.

(11-end)

- Prodigal means: wastefully extravagant, spending money or resources freely and recklessly. The prodigal son spent his inheritance through reckless living, suffering until he finally came to his senses.
- V18 There has to be repentance before relationship is restored. The Lord is looking for His people to repent. Admit when you are wrong and change your ways.
- The father was looking for his lost son, and he'd do anything to get him on the right path. That's the same heart God wants us to have for the lost, looking for them, willing to do all we can to show them Jesus.
- The father was willing to roll out *the best* for his found son.
- God doesn't want us to have jealousy or hatred towards the lost. We already have everything we need.

## **Hosea 14**

Hosea was a minor prophet who lived in a time where the children of Israel had turned away from God. His message was to show the mercy of God and to admonish the people to repent. In the same way, we are called to love others and bring them back to God.

## **2 Corinthians 5:11-21, NLT**

We work hard to persuade others. Christ's love should control us, causing us to search after the lost. God has given us the task of reconciling people to him. Our message is, "come back to God!" Whether this message is to encourage you to return to the same fire you once had for God or to bring someone else to the knowledge of Jesus, today, come back to God!