

**“The Lord of the Lost”**

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Introduction - “There was a man who had two sons...”

Text - Luke 15:11-32 & 19:10

Main Idea - If Luke 19:10 is Jesus’ “vision statement”, then by means of this story (or these three stories!), He wants us to know three truths about ourselves and His work:

- I. We are lost – Jesus has sought us
  - A. Lost due to our “condition” – we are “sheep-like”
  - B. Lost due to our “culture” – we are “coin-like”
  - C. Lost due to our “choices” – we are “prodigal-like”
  - D. Lost due to our “critical spirit” – we are “Pharisee” like
  
- II. We are loved – Jesus has saved us
  - ...the “wastefulness” of God’s love
  - A. Because of what we’re given – the riches of life
  - B. Because of who is watching out for us – the God who “sees”
  - C. Because of what is waiting for us
    - the shoes, ring, coat, calf, and celebration
  
- III. We must laugh - Jesus celebrates our return
  - the theme of joy and rejoicing that runs through the entire Christian life...

Conclusion - a prayer to receive what we’ve been given and extend it to others...