# Jesus' attitude toward lost people

Luke 15:1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to <u>hear</u> Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man <u>welcomes</u> sinners and <u>eats with</u> them."

Luke 19:9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

#### The J of the Dance

Luke 15:4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?

- <sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, he <u>joyfully</u> puts it on his shoulders
- <sup>6</sup> and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, <u>'Rejoice with me</u>; I have found my lost sheep.'
- I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

#### <u>Key</u>:

Pg. 1. wisdom.

Pg. 2. weakness.

Pg. 3. gentleness; love

Pg 4: joy

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# The Stumbling Dance With the Lost Community #3 January 16, 2022

# **The Lost Community**

Prov. 4:19 The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.

Isaiah 42:5 This is what God the LORD says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out

■ the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: 6 "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles,

Isaiah 42:7 "to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness."

### Message

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

# Messengers

# Relating to the lost, through w

2 Cor. 2 15 For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. <sup>16</sup> To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task?

Matthew 10:17 "Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. <sup>18</sup> On <u>mv</u> account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles.

■ Matthew 7:6 Do not give dogs what is holy. Do not cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

Matthew 10:16 "I am sending you out <u>like sheep among</u> wolves. Therefore, <u>be as shrewd as snakes</u> and as <u>innocent</u> as doves.

# Relating to the lost, through w

I Corinthians 2:1 And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did <u>not</u> come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. <sup>2</sup> For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> I came to you <u>in weakness</u> with <u>great fear</u> and <u>trembling</u>. <sup>4</sup> My message and my preaching were <u>not</u> with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

# Relating to the lost, through g

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. 17 It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to <u>prayer</u>, being watchful and thankful. <sup>3</sup> And pray for us, too, that <u>God may open a</u> <u>door</u> for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. <sup>4</sup> Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. <sup>5</sup> <u>Be wise</u> in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be <u>always full of grace, seasoned with salt</u>, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

# Relating to the lost, through <u>l</u>

1 Corinthians 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries
 and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I <u>AM nothing</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.