



Mary is going to have a son. You must give him the name Jesus. That is because he will save his people from their sins. **Matthew 1:21** (NIRV)

In Luke 15, Jesus tells three stories of lost valuables revealing that ...

- **Sheep get lost due to their weakness.**
- **Coins get lost due to someone's negligence.**
- **Sons and Daughters get lost though their defiance.**
- **OLDER BROTHERS GET LOST DUE TO THEIR _____.**

*"Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing...²⁶ he asked one of the servants what was going on. ²⁷ 'Your brother is back,' he was told, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.'²⁸ "The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him, ²⁹ but he replied, 'All these years I've slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends.³⁰ Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!' ³¹ "His father said to him, 'Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. ³² We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!'" **Luke 15:25-32** (NLT)*

➤ **FIVE REALTIES THAT ALL SELF-RIGHTEOUS SIBLINGS MUST FACE:**

1. If I am self-righteous, Jesus has a _____ with me.

*By this time a lot of men and women of doubtful reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. ² The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased, not at all pleased. They growled, "He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends." ³ Their grumbling triggered this story. **Luke 15:1-3** (MP)*

*Jesus told this story [parable] to some people who thought they were very good [were confident of their own righteousness] and looked down on [scorned; despised] everyone else: **Luke 18:9** (EXB)*

2. If I am self-righteous, I will be _____ to my unrighteousness.

*"The servant told the older brother, 'Your brother has come home. So your father has killed the fattened calf to celebrate your brother's safe return.'²⁸ "Then the older son became angry and wouldn't go into the house. His father came out and begged him to come in. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'All these years I've worked like a slave for you. I've never disobeyed one of your commands. **Luke 15:27-29** (GW)*

*Your deep pride has blinded you to the truth... **Obadiah 1:3** (VOICE)*

3. Being right with the Father requires me to be right with His _____.

*Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf! **Luke 15:30** (NLT)*

*Yet we can be assured that we have been translated from spiritual death into spiritual life because we love the family of believers. A loveless life remains spiritually dead. **1 John 3:14** (TPT)*

4. At the heart of the problem, is the problem of my _____ !

*"Teacher," he asked, "which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"³⁷ Jesus answered, " Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."³⁸ This is the greatest and the most important commandment. **Matthew 22:36-38** (GNB)*

*These people say they honor me, but their hearts are far away. ⁹ Their worship is worthless... **Matthew 15:8, 9** (TLB)*

- **The son who left was not lost because he _____ the father's rules.**
- **The son who stayed was not saved because he _____ the rules.**
- **They were both lost because neither of them _____ the father.**

5. The Father, the family and the celebration _____ !

*"The older son became angry and refused to go in and celebrate. So his father came out and pleaded with him, 'Come and enjoy the feast with us'"³¹ "The father said, 'My son, you are always with me by my side. Everything I have is yours to enjoy... **Luke 15:28, 31** (TPT)*

*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. **Luke 15:7** (NIV)*