

THE MIRACLE OF MERCY

Part 5 - How Much You Matter to God

Jesus saved us, not because of the good things we did, but because of his mercy, he washed away our sins and gave us a new life through the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:5

I have come to seek and to save those who are lost. Luke 19:10 (NLT)

- **'LOSTNESS'** _____

IN LUKE 15, JESUS TOLD 3 STORIES TO EXPLAIN WHAT IT MEANS TO BE LOST:

The Story of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, the Lost Son.

- **BEING 'LOST'** _____

WHAT HAPPENS TO ME WHEN I AM SPIRITUALLY LOST?

1. _____

All of us have strayed away just like lost sheep. We've all left God's path to follow our own ways. Isaiah 53:6

2. _____

My people are wandering like lost sheep, without a shepherd to protect and guide them. Zechariah 10:2

We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

3. _____

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Corinthians 2:9 (NIV)

4. _____

The young man felt so miserably hungry that he wished he could eat the slop the pigs were eating. Nobody gave him anything. Luke 15: 16 (VOICE)

5. _____

Will you gain anything if you win the whole world but are yourself lost? Of course not! Luke 9:25 (GNB)

BUT _____

Come to me, all you who are weary and worn out from carrying too much. Learn to trust and rest in me and you'll recover your life." Matthew 11:28

Anyone who connects to Christ becomes a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything becomes new." 2 Corinthians 5:17 (CEV)

HOW DO I CONNECT WITH GOD'S MERCY?

1. _____

...he wasted it all...he had nothing left...he got desperate and hungry...then he finally came to his senses... Luke 15:13-17

You'll find me when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else. Jeremiah 29:13 (MSG)

2. _____

When he came to his senses, he said... 'I have sinned against God and you...' Luke 15:17-18 (NIV)

3. _____

The son drifted away saying "Give me my share..."¹⁹ He returned to the Father saying "Make me a servant." Luke 15:12, 19 (NIV)

HOW DOES THE FATHER RESPOND?

While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; He ran out to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.²²...the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.

Luke 15:20, 22-23 (NIV)

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