



CHRISTIAN CENTER

## Tell Me a Story

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### The Lost Sheep



## I. INTRO

**John 3:16 (MSG) This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life.**

- A. Parable = A story with a TRUTH hidden inside of it
  - Stories were used to help them SEE and HEAR

**John 14:6 (KJV) Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

- B. The TRUTH when you take hold of Him
  - 1. HE will give you a new life (**John 3:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17**)
  - 2. Then that transforms your living (**Romans 6:5-11; Ephesians 4:22-24**)

## II. MY PERSONAL STORY

- A. It was a living example of the LOVE that God has for me and for my family
- B. Welcome Jesse Joseph Yovi Jose
- C. **Psalm 91**—He will give his angels charge over you...
- D. **James 5:16-17**—The prayer of the righteous has much power
- E. Jesus cares about LOST things!

## III. THE STORY OF THE “LOST SHEEP” IN LUKE 14

- A. Some things that we know that sets up this particular story:
  - 1. Jesus was on the turf of the Pharisees
  - 2. To them (the Pharisees) the keeping of the law was supreme (interestingly though, of course, none of them could keep it fully)

**Romans 3:20 (NLT) For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are**

- 3. Nicodemus was a Pharisee (3 times we hear about him in the Gospel of John)
  - 4. In **Acts 15** we see Pharisees who were followers of Christ
- B. As Jesus tells the stories all kinds of people were drawn to Him (**Luke 15:1**)
- C. Those darn publicans and sinners! (**Luke 15:2**)
  - 1. Publicans were the tax collectors and the Pharisees absolutely DESPISED them
  - 2. Sinners were those who were aware of the law but outwardly and often blatantly did not follow it and probably didn't care.



#### IV. HERE GOES THE STORYTELLER!

- A. To the publican, to the sinner, and to the people sitting there who didn't think they needed anything else to be **RIGHTEOUS**, Jesus comes out with His random, "out of the blue" Q: **What man having a hundred sheep, and knows that one of them is missing, would not go and look for that?**
- B. When He found that sheep or maybe better said, when that sheep is back with the shepherd—He laid it on his shoulders
- C. There is a **CELEBRATION** when the lost sheep is no longer lost, it is **HOME**

#### V. JESUS BRINGS IT HOME

- A. Links it right back to his home, and eventually my home, and hopefully your home—Heaven
- B. This man, this king, this savior, this redeemer, this story teller **JESUS**, HE welcomes everybody to come and see and hear

**Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT)** Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

- C. **JESUS GAVE EVERYTHING UP** for YOU

**Philippians 2:5-8 (MSG)** Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became *human*! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.

- D. **JESUS** did ALL the heavy lifting
  1. Stop "TRYING" and get on HIS back
  2. You can't lift this life anyway (not on your own strength)
- E. There is an out-loud celebration going on when the **LOST** are **HOME!**
- F. Don't get fooled into thinking somehow you **GOT THIS** or you don't need the life that He offers (that was the entire problem with half of the listeners)
- G. Video Clip: Jesus does more than just get us—a **LOT** more
- H. God wants His family back