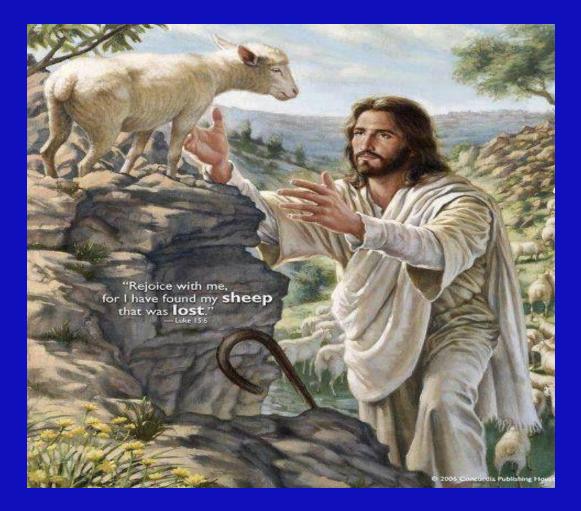


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Luke 15:1-3 (NKJV)

¹ Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. ² And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them."





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II. THE PARABLE of the LOST SHEEP



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So He spoke this parable to them, saying: ⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

Luke 15:6-7 (NKJV)

⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' ⁷ I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

A drastically different teaching...





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1 Peter 5:8 – "Be soberminded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." <u>Rabbis taught</u> –a sinner had to seek God first – when a sinner repented and conformed to the dictates of the Rabbis and Pharisees – then and only then would he be restored to God's favor <u>Rabbis taught</u> –a sinner had to seek God first – when a sinner repented and conformed to the dictates of the Rabbis and Pharisees – then and only then would he be restored to God's favor



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Psalm 28:9 "Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever."

Isaiah 46:4 "even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save."

Psalm 28:9 Isaiah 46:4

Ezekiel 34:16 "I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.



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III. TELOS TIME

Points to Ponder for TELOS TRANSFORMATION

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5. KEEP REACHING OUT, GIVING OUT, SHARING JESUS

Remember the Parable of the Lost Sheep

