

WEEK FIVE: THE SEARCH PARTY

Hear the story. See the King. Answer the call.

Luke 15:1-10

1. How does remembering that God moved toward you in grace change the way you see people who are still far from Him?
2. Who have you stopped praying for, quietly written off, or assumed probably won't ever come to Christ?
3. Do you genuinely rejoice when grace reaches someone whose life, past, or choices make you uncomfortable? Why or why not?
4. What would it look like for you to share the Shepherd's heart toward one lost person this week?

WEEKLY CALL

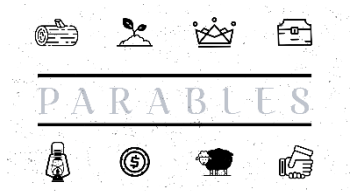
Pray every day for one lost person by name and take one appropriate relational step toward them.

The church ought to sound more like heaven than the Pharisees.



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Luke 15:1-10

DO YOU REJOICE WHEN GRACE REACHES PEOPLE YOU WOULD RATHER AVOID?

OPENING REFLECTION

Before you begin, take a moment to consider: Who is one lost person God has placed on your heart? Write their name below, and carry them with you through this prayer time.

Person's Name: _____

SECTION 1: ADORATION - RECOGNIZING THE GOD WHO SEEKS

Scripture Meditation

- Luke 15:3-6 - The Shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine
- Luke 15:8-9 - The Woman who searches carefully
- Psalm 23:1-3 - The Lord is my shepherd

Guided Prayer Template

"Father, I adore You as the God who seeks. You don't sit passively waiting for sinners to find their way to You. You actively pursue. You light lamps. You search. You care about the one. Help me see Your relentless love displayed throughout Scripture and in my own story.

As I think about [person's name], help me recognize that You already see them. You already care. You are already at work in their life, even when I cannot see it. I worship You for Your persistent grace."



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SECTION 2: CONFESSION – ACKNOWLEDGING WHEN WE BECOME LIKE PHARISEES

Confession Prompts

- Who is someone whose repentance would genuinely surprise me?
- When have I quietly decided someone "probably isn't interested in Jesus"?
- What pride might be underneath my discomfort with certain people?

Scripture Meditation

- Luke 15:1-2 - The Pharisees' complaint
- Luke 15:28-30 - Resentment toward grace (from the Prodigal Son parable)
- Matthew 20:1-16 - The workers in the vineyard (grace seems unfair)

Guided Prayer Template

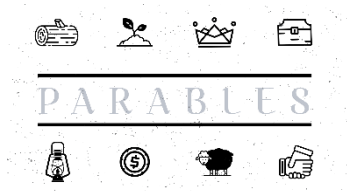
"Lord, I confess that sometimes I struggle to rejoice when grace reaches people I don't particularly like. I confess that I can become uncomfortable with Your welcome toward those whose lives are messy, whose choices I don't understand, or whose reputations precede them.

Forgive me for the pride that whispers, 'They don't deserve that.' You're right - they don't. But neither do I. That's what makes it grace.

Forgive me for:

- Judging those You're calling to repentance
- Withdrawing from people I've deemed 'too far gone'
- Forgetting that I too was once lost and helpless
- Prioritizing my comfort over Your kingdom

Help me see my own need for grace so clearly that I cannot resent it in others."



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SECTION 3: THANKSGIVING – CELEBRATING OUR OWN RESCUE

Scripture Meditation

- Ephesians 2:1-10 - Dead in sin, made alive, saved by grace
- 1 Peter 1:18-19 - Redeemed by Christ's blood
- Romans 5:6-8 - Christ died for us while we were still sinners
- Colossians 1:13-14 - Rescued from darkness, brought into light

Guided Prayer Template

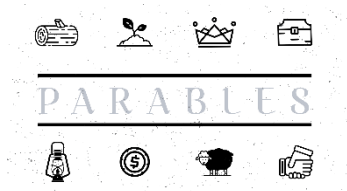
"Thank You, Father, that before I ever sought You, You were already at work seeking me. Thank You for:

- The people You placed in my life who pointed me to Christ
- The convictions of Your Spirit that awakened me to my need
- The Gospel that was faithfully proclaimed to me
- The cross where Jesus bore my judgment and paid my penalty
- The resurrection that proved Christ's power over sin and death
- New life through Your Spirit that transformed me

I was the lost sheep. I was the lost coin. And You came looking. Help me never forget the cost of my rescue or the grace that brought me home."

Personal Testimony Moment

Write or speak aloud one specific way God pursued you before you fully understood your need for Him.



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SECTION 4: SUPPLICATION – PRAYING FOR ONE BY NAME

Scripture Meditation

- 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 - God opens blind eyes to the Gospel
- 1 Timothy 2:1-4 - God desires all to come to knowledge of truth
- Romans 10:14-15 - Faith comes by hearing, hearing by the word
- Colossians 4:2-4 - Pray for open doors and clear speech

Guided Prayer Template

"Father, I bring [person's name] before You today. I ask that You would:

- Convict them of sin - Open their eyes to their rebellion against You and their need for a Savior. Remove any spiritual blindness that keeps them from seeing their true condition.
- Reveal Jesus to them - Show them the Gospel. Let them see the cross. Help them understand that Christ came looking for them, died in their place, and rose again to give them new life.
- Call them to repentance and faith - Move upon their heart with irresistible grace. Awaken them to the truth. Give them the desire and ability to turn from sin and trust Christ.
- Surround them with witnesses - Place people in their path who will speak truth, live authentically, and point them toward Jesus. Open doors for the Gospel to reach them.
- Give me wisdom and courage - Show me how to love them well, when to speak, and when to listen. Give me the boldness to share the Gospel clearly and the humility to let You do the saving.

I pray this not because they deserve it, but because Your grace is undeserved. I pray this not because I'm confident in their response, but because I'm confident in Your power. I pray this believing that with You, no one is too far gone, too hardened, or too lost.

Bring [person's name] home, Lord. And when You do, help me rejoice with all of heaven."



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SECTION 5: ACTION – TAKING ONE RELATIONAL STEP

Moving Toward The Lost

Prayer without action is incomplete. Decide on one appropriate step.

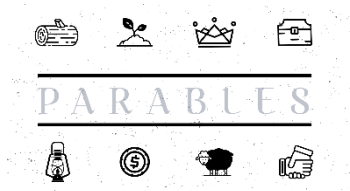
Possible Actions:

- Send a text asking how they're doing
- Call just to check in
- Invite them to coffee, lunch, or a meal
- Ask a genuine question and listen carefully
- Offer to pray for them (and ask what they need prayer for)
- Invite them to a church service or Christian event
- Share something meaningful you've learned recently
- Simply be available and present in their life

My one action step this week: _____

When I will take it: _____

How I will prepare my heart: _____



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CLOSING PRAYER

"Jesus, thank You for coming as the Good Shepherd. Thank You for leaving the comfort of heaven to search for lost sheep. Thank You for the cross, where You proved how far Your love will go.

Give me Your heart for lost people. When I'm tempted to judge, help me remember grace. When I'm tempted to give up, help me remember Your persistence. When grace reaches someone I don't expect, help me celebrate like heaven celebrates.

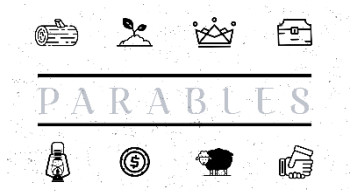
Make me a person who prays faithfully, loves genuinely, speaks truthfully, and rejoices wholeheartedly when sinners repent.

In Jesus' name, Amen."

JOURNALING PROMPTS

Spend 2-3 minutes reflecting on these questions in a journal:

1. What did God reveal to me about His heart in this prayer time?
2. How has God's pursuit of me changed the way I see lost people?
3. What pride or fear might keep me from celebrating when grace reaches someone unexpected?
4. How will I remember this week to pray for **[person's name]** and take a relational step?
5. What would it look like for our church to sound more like heaven than the Pharisees?



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THIS WEEK'S "CALL"

Pray daily for one lost person by name and take one appropriate relational step toward them.

Remember: You cannot make someone repent. You cannot manipulate someone into genuine faith. But you can pray, love, speak truth, share the Gospel, and faithfully participate in the search.

And when grace reaches them... celebrate... Because that's what heaven does.

HEAR THE STORY.

SEE THE KING.

ANSWER THE CALL.

