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"CHRISTMAS IS A SEEK AND SAVE MISSION"

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LUKE 19:1-10 (ESV)

QUESTION: What does it mean to be lost?

I. THE STORIES OF LOSTNESS

1. The story of the lost sheep, Luke 15:1-7
2. The story of the lost coin, Luke 15:8-10

TRUTH: Every day of your life God is searching for lost men and women.

3. The story of the lost son, also known as The Prodigal Son, Luke 15:11-32

INSIGHT: One of the greatest gifts of God to a lost man: clarity. Verse 17: "But when he came to himself..."

INSIGHT: The common denominator in all three stories of lostness is the party—when what was lost is found.

II. WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE WHEN YOU ARE LOST FROM GOD

1. You don't have God's direction.

INSIGHT: It's the nature of lost sheep—and lost men and women—to wander and get further away from God (Isaiah 53:6).

2. You've lost God's protection.

TRUTH: Sheep without a shepherd are dead; it's just a matter of time (Zechariah 10:2).

TRUTH: If you're not under the shepherd of your soul's protection, life depends totally on you.

3. The final thing you lose when you're lost is happiness (Luke 15:14).

TRUTH: When you run from God, there's a famine in your future, a famine of hope, joy and purpose, a famine of misery.

TRUTH: Nothing destroys happiness faster than conflict in a relationship.

III. INVITATION

INSIGHT: The last thing these stories tell us is this: You lose your home in heaven.

INSIGHT: But when you're lost you don't lose value to God.

Christmas IS missions. Christmas is a seek and save story... God coming after each of us, and all the people around us every day.

This Christmas is about remembering the value of every man and woman we meet.

Many people this Christmas are lost. Christmas 2021 is God saying, "Come home!"