("How God Restores a Rebel")

"Heaven's Lost and Found Department"

Jesus' Parable of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Lost Son in Luke 15

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ELEMENT OF STORY	PART I	PART II	PART III
1. FEATURED PERSON:	MAN (OWNER OF SHEEP)	WOMAN (OWNER OF COINS)	MAN (FATHER OF TWO SONS)
2. METAPHOR/ANALOGY:	LOST SHEEP	LOST COIN	LOST SON
3. REPRESENTS:	WANDERING	WORTH	WILL
4. SIN:	INIQUITY: STRAY, WANDER	IGNORANCE: IMPACT/INJURY	WILLFUL REBELLION
5. RATIO:	1/100	1/10	1/2
6. WHO DID THE LOSING:	OWNER OF SHEEP/SHEPHERD	OWNER OF COINS/WOMAN	REBELLIOUS SON HIMSELF
7. WHO SEARCHED:	OWNER/SHEPHERD	OWNER/WOMAN	GOD (Father waited, but searched with his heart and eyes)
8. HOW LONG:	UNTIL HE FOUND	UNTILSHE FOUND	UNTILSON RETURNED
9. WHO FOUND: (WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE TO FIND)	OWNER/SHEPHERD	OWNER/WOMAN	GOD – "GPS"; (Son "came to himself", to God, then to father)
10. BY WHAT MEANS:	WENT OUT IN THE NIGHT; WITH VOICE, CALLED BY NAME.	WITH A LIGHT and BROOM, SWEPT THE HOUSE	FAMINE/HUNGER; TRUTH ENCOUNTER (Mirror in pigpen)
11. HOW RETURNED:	SHEPHERD STOOPED, LIFTED IT UP, CARRIED IT ON HIS SHOULDER, RETURNED IT TO HOME FOLD.	WOMAN STOOPED, LIFTED IT UP, CARRIED IT IN HER HAND, RETURNED IT TO SAFE PLACE.	SON DECIDED TO ARISE & GO; PICKED HIMSELF UP, CARRIED HIMSELF BACK; RETURNED <u>ALMOST</u> TO HOME, REHEARSING CONFESSION.
12. HOW WELCOMED:	SHEPHERD CALLED OTHERS	WOMAN CALLED OTHERS	FATHER WAS WATCHING, SAW HIM AFAR OFF, RAN TO SON; FELL ON HIS NECK; KISSED HIM; RECEIVED SON. HEARD PART OF CONFESSION; CALLED FOR CELEBRATION!
13. WHO REJOICED:	FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, HEAVEN	. FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, HEAVEN.	FATHER, SERVANTS, HEAVEN. (NOT PHARISAICAL BROTHER)