



# Joy in Finding: The Heart of the Gospels



Explore the profound joy God expresses over every sinner who repents through the story of the Lost Coin and gospel truths.



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## Introduction

The Gospels are rich with stories that reveal God's heart for humanity. Among the many parables Jesus shared, **the Parable of the Lost Coin** in *Luke 15:8–10* uniquely illustrates the depth of God's joy when even one sinner turns back to Him. Unlike the more well-known Lost Sheep or Prodigal Son, this story focuses on a woman who loses a single coin, diligently searches for it, and upon finding it, rejoices with her friends and neighbors.

Through this parable, Jesus communicates that God's love is deeply personal and attentive even to what may seem small or insignificant. The lost coin represents a person who is separated from God, and the search symbolizes divine pursuit. The celebration that follows reflects God's immense joy and desire for restoration. This lesson beautifully intersects with the broader message of the Gospels—God's relentless pursuit of the lost and His desire to bring all into the joy of salvation.

Over the next three days, we will delve into key gospel passages alongside the Parable of the Lost Coin, discovering the themes of repentance, God's mercy, and rejoicing in heaven. Each day offers scripture, reflection, and prayer to anchor us deeply in the Gospel message, encouraging a fresh appreciation for God's joy over redeemed sinners. Let's open our hearts to experience the transformative love that rejoices over every lost soul found!





# Day 1: ✨ The Lost Coin's Search and God's Pursuit



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## Your Verse

*Luke 15:8-10 NIV – "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?"*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 34:18 – "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."*
- *Hebrews 7:25 – "Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them."*



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## Devotional: God's Personal Pursuit of Every Lost Soul

**The diligent search:** The woman's tireless effort to find one lost coin teaches us about God's intimate and persistent care for every person. Even if one sinner wanders away, God's heart is moved to act with diligence and love. The coin may seem small or insignificant, but to her—and to God—every lost soul is priceless.

**God's personal pursuit:** This parable reveals that God's grace is not generic or distant; it is intensely personal. He doesn't overlook or neglect anyone. Instead, He actively seeks to restore and redeem those who are lost.

*Our daily response:* Reflect on your own journey and the areas where you may feel lost, unseen, or distant from God. Take comfort in knowing that God's pursuit never stops. He lights the lamp and sweeps the house of your heart, searching faithfully to bring you back into His joy and fellowship.



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## Reflect and Apply

1. How does the woman's search for the coin mirror God's heart toward you personally?

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2. In what ways do you feel God has pursued you when you were spiritually lost?

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3. How does knowing God rejoices over finding the lost affect your understanding of His love?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time you felt 'lost' and how God reached out to you.

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2. List things in your life God might be lovingly 'searching' to restore.

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3. How can you reflect God's joy in recovering the lost in your community?

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Day 1: ✨ The Lost Coin's Search and God's Pursuit

## Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for Your relentless love and pursuit. Help me trust that You seek me when I stray and rejoice when I return. Teach me to value every soul as You do, to never give up on the lost, and to celebrate Your mercy in my life. May Your joy fill my heart today and always. *Amen.* 🙏 ✨ ❤️ ✨





## Day 2: 🎉 Heaven's Joy Over Repentance



## Your Verse

*Luke 15:10 NIV – "In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Luke 15:7 – "There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."*
- *Zephaniah 3:17 – "The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in His love He will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."*



# Devotional: The Heavenly Celebration of Repentance

**Joy in repentance:** This verse beautifully captures the essence of God's heart —He rejoices over repentance with celebration likened to the joy of a host of angels. Repentance is not mere sorrow for sin, but a turning point that triggers immense joy in heaven.

**Heaven's party for the lost:** Imagine the angels rejoicing as one sinner returns. This divine celebration shows us how deeply God values redemption and restoration. The Lost Coin isn't just about loss but about the tremendous joy that follows recovery.

*Living in joyful repentance:* Repentance is the pathway back to God's delight. When we turn to Him with sincere hearts, we participate in this heavenly joy. This invites us not only to repent but to embrace the joy God offers and to become messengers of that joy to others.



## Reflect and Apply

1. How does knowing that heaven rejoices over repentance change your view of God's heart toward sinners?

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2. What might repentance mean beyond just admitting sin, in light of this rejoicing?

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3. How can you join in God's joy in your own spiritual walk?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect on a recent moment of repentance or spiritual renewal in your life.

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2. Write about how you can better embrace and celebrate God's joy in repentance.

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3. Consider ways to encourage others who are turning back to God.

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Day 2: 🎉 Heaven's Joy Over Repentance

## Prayer for Today

Father, thank You for the overwhelming joy You pour out when I repent and come back to You. Help me to live with a heart open to Your delight and to share Your joy with those around me. May I never take for granted the gift of restoration that causes heaven to celebrate. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🎉 🙏 🤝





# Day 3: ❤️ Embracing God's Joy and Sharing it





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## Your Verse

*Luke 15:9 NIV – "When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.'"*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *John 15:11 – "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."*
- *Romans 15:13 – "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*



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## Devotional: Reflecting and Sharing God's Joy in Salvation

**Sharing joy:** The woman's reaction to finding the coin is to invite others to join in the celebration. This reminds us that God's joy over redemption is meant to be shared and expressed communally. When we experience God's restorative love, our natural response is to invite others into that joy.

**Living in God's joy daily:** Jesus desires that His joy become complete in us, filling every aspect of our lives. This joy is not dependent on circumstances but flows from knowing we are loved, found, and accepted by God.

*Be a bearer of joy:* As recipients of God's joy, we are called to reflect that joy outwardly—encouraging others, celebrating recovery, and manifesting God's love in tangible ways. Let your life be a beacon that draws others to the joy of salvation.



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## Reflect and Apply

1. How can you invite others to rejoice with you in the goodness of God?

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2. What does it mean for your joy to be "complete" as Jesus said?

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3. In what ways can you be a source of hope and joy in your community?

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Day 3: ❤️ Embracing God's Joy and Sharing it

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about how experiencing God's joy has impacted your life.

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2. Plan a way to share the message of God's joy with someone this week.

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3. Describe how you can reflect God's joy even in difficult situations.

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## Prayer for Today

Lord, fill my heart to overflowing with Your joy and peace. Help me to be a light reflecting Your love and celebration in every part of my life. May I invite others to join in the joy of salvation and live in the hope You provide. Thank You for finding me and making me whole. *Amen.* ❤️ 🎉 🙏 ✨





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