

Sons and Daughters Part 7: Heart of the Father

Luke 15:1,2 (NIV) *Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable:*

(Luke 15:4-7)

Something was lost: _____

Someone searched: _____

Someone celebrated: shepherd with friends and family

(Luke 15:8-10)

Something was lost: _____

Someone searched: _____

Someone celebrated: woman with friends and family

(Luke 15:11-27)

Someone was lost: _____

Someone searched: _____ searched

Someone celebrated: dad with friends, but the older brother refused to celebrate

Luke 15:28-32 (NIV) *"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' "My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"*

Why was the older brother so angry with his father?

What did the father say to his eldest son?

1. You are always with me
2. Everything I have is yours
3. Please celebrate your brother with me

Who was the party for?