

Jesus!
“Lost and Found” (Luke 15)

Insights:

I. HUMANS ARE IN EITHER OF THREE SPIRITUAL CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

1. Condition #1: _____. Two dangers:

(1) *We may forget that others are not safe and become _____, uncaring.*

(2) *We may become simply _____—smug and condemning toward those who are outside the church.*

2. Condition #2: _____. Note these three things about this condition:

(1) *Realizing one is lost may come over a person _____.*

(2) *One cannot solve his lostness _____.*

(3) *The first step in being found is _____ one is lost and unable to “find oneself.”*

The only ones that Jesus cannot help are the people who will not admit they need His help.

3. Condition #3: _____. *We do not have a God Who just passively waits for people to return to Him. He actively _____ for them.*

Note the Father who *ran* to meet his son.

II. WE RESPOND IN ONE OF TWO WAYS TO GOD’S RESCUE OPERATION:

1. We _____ it.

The story of Jonah is a similar story.

2. We _____ in it.

Who is it, after all, who is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God, anyway, except _____?

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