

Where is the one?

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Luke 15:1-7 *1Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. 2And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them. 3And he spake this parable unto them, saying, 4What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? 5And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. 7I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.*

The Words of Truth and Life when preached forth in the Spirit of Christ will attract both the pious religious opposition and the soul of the hungry sinner. It will attract hearts that will reject as well as hearts that will receive with rejoicing.

If we seek to pursue the heart of Father we must understand the essence of Father's heart. We must truly seek to understand all of His heart not just part of it. Not only are people the most important thing on His heart and mind, but it is so that He is not willing that not one should perish. If this be the heart of Father; if this be His prerogative, how could it be any less for those who profess to love Him and love what He loves? If God is God of your life and He is in pursuit of the lost then you being in pursuit of God must likewise be in pursuit of the same.

Where is the one in your life that Father has placed you in pursuit of for His names sake? If you say there is not one then you have indeed missed the heart of Father and cannot see past yourself. Until you can see this one, that one, and those ones going to hell around you and in desperate need of God's love and grace then you cannot grow in that grace yourself. A repentant heart draws hearts of repentance. A heart in pursuit of God pursues what God is in pursuit of. Your love for the lost is indicative of your love for God. How much do you say you love God? How much do you love the lost above yourself?

I do not seek to admonish you to simply bring people to church that they might hopefully experience Christ; I am admonishing you to go and bring them to Christ. As with the heart of Father, my motivation is not to increase church attendance but bring increase to the Kingdom of God.

2 Peter 3:7-9 *7But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

God is not willing to lose one, what about you? Most of the church is not willing to even seek the one much-less be unwilling to let them perish. Most are not willing to share their faith. The church has bought a lie that we must keep it to ourselves and be tolerant of those who have embraced anything less than truth and eternal life so as not to spread real life and the truth of Christ. We have bought a lie that we must have obtained a certain spiritual status in order to share our faith. We have bought the lie that it is the gift and calling or duty of others who hold certain titles or positions and responsibilities in the church to share and propagate the faith, not mine. Whatever the case, the enemy has destroyed the churches willingness to pursue the one. We have more Christians telling people to go to hell rather than how not to go to hell.

We pray for revival, but revival of this kind of religious spirituality and attitude cannot spread into a revival at all. By its very nature it condemns itself to wither. There must first be a reformation of our thinking and the way in which we live out our spirituality in Christ. It is futile to pray for a revival among a people who have bought such lies of their spirituality and do not have a passion to proselytize the Spirit of God. Indeed, it would be more deadly to true Christianity to spread something that is dead and void of the real Spirit of God. A passion for anything in the Kingdom of God that is not first and foremost built upon the altruistic passion for the redemption of the eternal souls of men to their Creator falls short of the heart of Father and true Kingdom intent.

Do you realize that there are many plans of God for the heavens and earth are being held back solely awaiting the souls of lost men and women. Every time God hears His people worshipping Him, every time He hears the unborn child blood cry out, every time He sees those martyred for His names sake, every time He looks upon His people He wants to come back but He looks over and sees broken, hurting, hopeless and searching souls and He cries out – won't you go get that one and show them My love, truth, and better way of life eternal?

Luke 13:1-9 *1* There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. *2* And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? *3* I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. *4* Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? *5* I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. *6* He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. *7* Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? *8* And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: *9* And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

Jesus points out that the sinner is anyone who lives an un-repented life. There are churches full of sinners that think because they are in church, dance, sing songs, are on the worship team or may even be the pastor that they are not sinners but it is those outside the church; When in fact, they themselves do not live a repented life. A repented life is that of one who has been forgiven and thus goes and sins no more. Jesus goes on to point out that He is even after that one; the one whose life is not bearing fruit of righteousness whomever and wherever they may be. In this parable He illustrates a principle and expectation of us who are called Christians. Knowing that the Master will not and cannot except the one who does not bear fruit of righteousness, we must have a passion and willingness to reach out to them, bring them unto salvation and help them bear fruit of repented lives that is worthy of the Master's Kingdom.

Who is there among you that be in the Master's vineyard that is not bearing fruit of righteousness and who do not bring before God daily a living sacrifice, a repented lifestyle? Who among the Master's vineyard are you seeking to give of yourself, tend to their roots of faith in Christ and help them bear righteous fruit?

It may be someone who does not know Christ at all and has never even heard the gospel that God has placed in your life as the one. It may be one among those who profess to be spiritual but lives a life of compromise with good intention lacking understanding of Kingdom fruits of righteousness and yet will perish thinking they were good to go that God has placed in your life as the one. Whatever the case, how much do you love them? Will you just live your spirituality among the ninety-nine are you willing to bring in the one?