

ONCE UPON A TIME THE PRODIGAL SON

Luke 15 (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: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. **Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?...**

I tell you that in the same way there will be **more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not** need to repent.

"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?... In the same way, I tell you, **there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.**"

EVERY(ONE) MATTERS A TON TO THE SON

Reckless Love

**Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the 99
And I couldn't earn it
I don't deserve it, still You give yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God**

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had **two sons**. The younger one said to his father, **'Father, give me my share of the estate.'** So, he divided his property between them. "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there **squandered his wealth in wild living**. After he had spent everything, there was a

severe famine in that whole country, and **he began to be in need**. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to **feed pigs**. He **longed to fill his stomach** with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. **“When he came to his senses**, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

*I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: **Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.***

I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’

*So he got up and went to his father. **“But while he was still a long way off,***

his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him;

he ran to his son,

threw his arms around him and kissed him.”

*“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ “But the father said to his servants, **“Quick! Bring the best robe** and put it on him. Put a **ring on his finger** and **sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf** and kill it. **Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’** So they began to celebrate.” Luke 15:1-4, 7-8, 10-24 (NIV)*

**YOUR PRODIGAL FATHER
IS WAITING BY THE MAILBOX
TO RUN TO YOU
AND LOVE YOU RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE**

GOD RUNS TO THE ONE THROUGH YOU