



THE FINDER

Luke 15

**“...This man *welcomes* sinners
and eats with them.”**

Luke 15:2

WELCOME

receive, accept, give access

THREE PARABLES OR ONE?

- **Having**
- **Losing**
- **Searching**
- **Finding**
- **Rejoicing**

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CAPTURING THE FINDER'S HEART

The Good Shepherd

Luke 15:4-6



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

- Loses one out of a hundred sheep (1:99)
- Goes after the lost sheep until he finds it
- Puts it on his shoulder and returns joyfully
- Calls for a celebration

**The Good
Shepherd**

has a Protective and
Sacrificial Heart

**I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays
down his life for the sheep.**

John 10:11 (NIV)

Ravenous wolves colonise France, terrorise shepherds

July 28 2011, by Antoine Agasse



The mountains over Grenoble were once an ideal grazing ground for his 900 sheep. But now, after long banishment, the wolves are back -- bolder and hungrier than ever. Wolves were eradicated in France in the 1930s, but made a comeback in the southern Alps in 1992, crossing from Italy. They have spread through eastern France, first to the Savoy and this year to the Vosges and Doubs regions.



People are pictured collecting the carcasses of dead sheep from the bottom of a 20-metre-high cliff, in 2004, in Saint-Etienne-de-Tinée. Shepherds claimed that a wolf attack forced the sheep over the cliff.

The predators have also appeared in the Pyrenees and in the heart of France in the Massif Central mountain range, but the government says these far-flung wolves also originate from the Italian pack.

Regional authorities estimate the French [wolf](#) population at between 170 and 200 this year, up from 140 to 170 last year. The government says wolves killed 1,329 animals, mostly sheep, in France this year up to July 22.

"We are beginning to wonder if there is a type of wolf that has no fear... since humans are not doing anything to them," says Pascal Grosjean, a



<https://phys.org/news/2011-07-ravenous-wolves-colonise-france-terrorise.html>

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

Matthew 7:15 (NIV)

The Good Woman

Luke 15:8-10



THE GOOD WOMAN

- Loses one out of ten coins (1:9)
- Searches the house relentlessly and thoroughly
- Lights a lamp to see even in the dark corners.
- Doesn't give up
- Finds the coin, cleans it, and sees the coin shine again
- Calls for a celebration!

**The Good
Woman**

has a Relentless Heart!



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This “stubborn ox” escaped the gallows for drug involvement – twice

BY JOSIAH TEH CHOON SIN , 30 DECEMBER 2022



On his 11th stint in prison, Josiah Teh, now 59, found freedom from drugs and much more. All photos courtesy of Josiah Teh.

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Josiah showing the scar from banging his head against the bars of his cell. Screenshot from his **video testimony** for Breakthrough Missions.

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Josiah with Susan, his wife and soulmate.

I overjoyed and relished every chance to read the . I cried tears of remorse as I read it, and prayed **Jesus** would forgive me for my past sins.



The Good Father

Luke 15:11-24



THE GOOD FATHER

- Loses one of his two sons (1:1) who left home.
- Gracious towards the son when he asked for the inheritance before his death
- Joyfully receives his son back after he lost everything.
- Demonstrates unchanging love, acceptance, and grace toward his son
- Longs for reconciliation with the son and desires to restore his identity, position, and authority

**The Good
Father**

has a Gracious and
Loving Heart!



*I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down his life for
the sheep.*

John 10:11

**LOVE GOD
PASSIONATELY**

*Pursue Him by Hiding
His Word in Your Heart*