



TIMELESS TEACHING for TURBULENT TIMES

Message Notes for September 20, 2020

Where do you go to find stability in the turbulence of 2020?

Luke 15: 1-2 Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

What leads us to look down on individuals or groups of individuals?

3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ 7 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.

1. Jesus teaches all of us.

- All _____ sheep matter to the Shepherd.
- The Shepherd has great concern for the _____.
- Rejoicing is great because the _____ are great.

2. Jesus teaches our heart

- Each of us was the _____.
 - Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*
- Jesus risked _____ to reach you.
 - Philippians 2:6-8 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!*
- Heaven rejoiced when you were _____.
 - Luke 15:7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents*

3. Jesus teaches our church

- Standing in judgment doesn’t change someone’s _____.
 - Romans 14:13 Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother’s way.*
- Every soul is worth the effort to _____.
 - Timothy 2:3-4 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*
- Those in gravest danger deserve our greatest _____.
 - 1 Corinthians 9:22 To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. 23 I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.*

What truth from today’s message will you take this week?

DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK: Five examples of Jesus’ love for the one and the difference it made.