

## **“Lost and Found”**

(Luke 15:1-24)

- A. A Three-part Parable
  - 1. What is a parable? – “Lay alongside of”
  - 2. Why this parable? – The heavens and the critics
  
- B. How People Become Lost
  - 1. Like sheep – Wonder away, know lost, not know way home: emphasis upon going Shepherd
  - 2. Like coins – Through neglect, not know: emphasis upon a searching woman
  - 3. Like boy – Rebellion, knew lost, knew way home: emphasis upon a running father
  
- C. What the Boy Did
  - 1. Demand
  - 2. Waste
  - 3. Want
  - 4. Came to himself
  - 5. Remembered
  - 6. Arose and came
  
- D. What the Father Did
  - 1. Watched
  - 2. Ran
  - 3. Not servant, but son
  
- E. The Other Son (15:25-32)
  - 1. Obedient
  - 2. Angry
  - 3. Failed the love test