



**ENDURING WISDOM**

LUKE 12-17

## **Sermon Overview**

Jesus's parables illustrate how God is a God who pursues us, and calls us to respond in kind: seeking out what is lost in our own spheres of influence.

## PART ELEVEN

Jesus's parables illustrate how God is a God who pursues us. We are born lost and would deliberately remain lost if it were not for our Good Shepherd Jesus.

God does not turn a blind eye to our sin, but instead is longing for sinners to repent and searching for His lost sheep. He is persistent in His compassion towards the lost, and has His arms wide open for whoever comes.

In Luke 15:8-10, Jesus brings the illustration closer to home:

*<sup>8</sup> "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?"*

*<sup>9</sup> And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.'*

*<sup>10</sup> In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

Women at the time would wear a frontlet on their brows called a "semedi," which was comprised of 10 coins and were indications that they were betrothed in marriage, similar to a modern day engagement ring. One of these coins going missing is similar to a woman losing the diamond from her engagement ring.

Had the coin gone missing out in the world, the woman in the parable would have given up, but the coin has been lost within a home, so she persevered. This is a reflection of the perseverance we must have as Christians to pursue that which is lost within our own homes and churches: diligently searching out and repenting of things that have caused us to stumble.

Through this parable, Jesus shows us how personalized His love is. We are not just a name or a face in the crowd; God focuses on each of us as if we are the only person in the whole world. He is the almighty, all-powerful, all-knowing, all-seeing, and all-loving God. His love is a constant sacrificial

action.

Following His example, we must light our candles and sweep our homes to lovingly and diligently seek out what is lost.