

# *“Once Upon A Time”*

- **You Are Very Important To God!**

*“Now the tax collectors and ‘sinners’ were all gathering around to hear him.”*

Luke 15:1 (NIV)

- **You Will Never Understand How Much God Loves You!**

*“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...”*

Luke 15:4a (NIV)

*“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully...”*

Luke 15:8a (NIV)

- **God Desperately Wants A Personal Relationship With You!**

*“...Until he finds it?”*

Luke 15:4b (NIV)

*“...Until she finds it?”*

Luke 15:8b (NIV)

**Luke 15:1-10 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him.

<sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable:

<sup>4</sup> "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?

<sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders

<sup>6</sup> and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<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."