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Built to Last Journey Begins

This week we begin our Built to Last journey with a focus on “lost things” in Luke 15.

What would you be willing to do to recover a lost child? In **Luke 15**, there are three stories that show the special care God takes towards those individuals who are separated from Him. The lost sheep, coin and son all represent people that are not in a relationship with Jesus.

The shepherd has ninety-nine sheep, yet cares for them so individually that he notices when even one of them goes missing. Although the woman in verses 8-10 has nine coins, she still searches carefully for the one that she lost. The father of the prodigal son is so broken over the one child that left him that he keeps his eyes on the road looking for him to return. Just as the shepherd, the woman and the Father rejoice when they find their treasures, God's heart is overcome with joy when He brings even one of His children back into a relationship with Him.

These parables show us that God seeks His children one at a time. He is passionate about reaching the masses by reaching individuals. We all have that one person in our life for whom we are broken. God has called us to be like Him and search after this person by sharing the gospel, inviting them to church, and rejoicing when they are found.

Reflect:

- What can we learn about Jesus from this passage?
- Think about your own salvation. How did God seek you out individually to bring you back to Him?
- Who is the one person in your life that you want to meet Jesus? Pray for that person now. Do whatever it takes to invite them to church.