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More Than a Lost Coin

Parable of the Lost Coin

“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins^[a] and loses one. Won’t she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels when even one sinner repents.”

Luke 15:8-10 (NLT)

After hearing the story of the lost sheep, Jesus told them about the woman in our passage today. As we consider the time and setting this parable took place, it’s important to note a few things:

1. The homes in Palestine were dimly lit by small windows. A coin could easily be lost in the cracks of the floor covered in dust.
2. Why was this a thing of importance to her? It may have been a part of a ten-coin wedding headdress. The women of that day would scrimp and save to gather enough coins to chain together ten coins that showed they were married. The coin was the equivalent of a day's wages. If the family fell on hard times, she had this reserve to rescue them with. It would be similar to a woman losing her wedding ring today.
3. No wonder she would search desperately till she found it.

The point of Jesus' parable is that God is searching for the lost. He does not wait until we clean up our act and come groveling on our knees to Him. He goes out and searches with desperate love for us. He is thrilled when He finds us. All heaven has a party when one person is found. Jesus taught us how much the Father desires us to be right with Him. It is not the demanding insistence of a dictator, but the tender love of a Father that longs for your fellowship and inclusion into His family. In answer to the leaders' question, Jesus was saying that He was right where His Father's heart was. I wonder which mindset we have today, that of Jesus or that of the religious leaders?

Prayer: God, please give me a great desire to see the lost found.