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Every Story is Worth Celebrating

Touchdown! It's crazy the impact that one word can have on hundreds of thousands of people on a weekly basis. As soon as a foot touches the end zone and the referee signals the score, children, parents, students, grandparents - you name it - throw their hands in the air and celebrate as loud as they can. Why? Because the outcome of the game matters to them.

As we have observed this week, Luke 15 gives multiple parables about salvation. The result of every one? **Celebration!**

When the lost sheep was found, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep," (Luke 15:6). When the woman finds her lost coin, "She calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin,'" (Luke 15:9). When the lost son returned home, "We HAD to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found," (Luke 15:32).

The Bible shows us that the result of salvation should ALWAYS be celebration. Everyone that is saved has a story that is worth celebrating with all that we've got because the outcome of their decision matters to Jesus!

Reflect:

- What you celebrate is a direct reflection of what you worship. What are you celebrating most in your life today?
- How can you celebrate others' stories of salvation?
- As you begin your Built to Last Journey, whom in your life, are you praying for to find and follow God?
- Commit to continuing on this 2-year Built to Last journey with this perspective in mind!
- Ask God how you can be a part of helping more people find and follow Him.