



Devotional Day 1

Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!

So Jesus told them this story: “If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!

Luke 15:1-7

At The Ridge, our mission is *to help people find and follow Jesus*. As you read the next portion of this devotional, consider the **FIND** comments if you are exploring faith or helping others explore their faith. Use the **FOLLOW** section to help you take steps if you are currently following Jesus.

FIND: Do you need to confess your wrongs and return to God?

FOLLOW: How do you reach out to someone who doesn’t know God?