

## “God’s Loving Forgiveness”

Love Does Sermon Series

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*“I used to think God was good some of the time,  
but now I know He’s good **all the time.**” - Bob Goff*

Introduction: How do you see God? \_\_\_\_\_

Last week, the question was, “Will you r \_\_\_\_\_?”

This week, the question is, “Will you r \_\_\_\_\_?”

Have you ever felt “God was too g \_\_\_\_\_ to others and not  
g \_\_\_\_\_ enough to you?” (Exodus 16:8)

### I. The Problem or Question Jesus Is Answering (Luke 15:1-3 MSG)

The religious leaders of Jesus’ day “*looked forward not to the  
saving but the d \_\_\_\_\_ of the sinner*” – William Barclay.

Jesus’ answer to the h \_\_\_\_\_-hearted Pharisees poked their pride.

### II. Jesus Responds with \_\_\_\_\_ Stories Back to Back

(4-7) “*There will be m \_\_\_\_\_ joy in heaven over one sinner  
who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons...*”

(Isaiah 40:11) In the Old Testament, God is described as Israel’s  
s \_\_\_\_\_! (Isaiah 53:6) “\_\_\_\_\_ have gone astray.”

Jesus’ teaching is a double scandal to the Pharisees: 1. Jesus  
reminds them of God described as something they have  
despised. 2. God takes more delight in celebrating a  
repentant s \_\_\_\_\_ than in them with their hard-hearts.

(Luke 19:10) Jesus came to “seek and to s \_\_\_\_\_” the l \_\_\_\_\_!

### III. (Luke 15:8-10) The Lost Coin – A Drachma – A Day’s Wage

What’s new is the thought, “God s \_\_\_\_\_ for sinners.”

*“There is joy in the presence of the angels of God  
over one sinner who repents.”*

### IV. The Story of the Two Lost Sons

(11-24) The Foolish Youngest – broke ties treating his father as  
though her were already d \_\_\_\_\_.

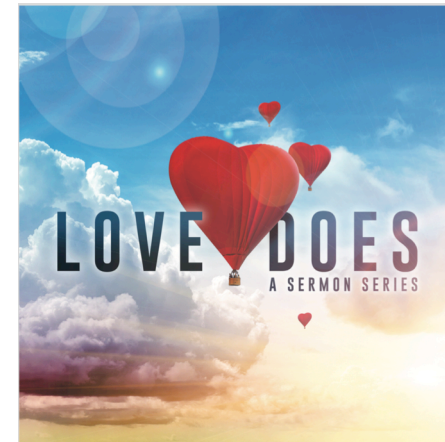
The boy returns and his first word is “\_\_\_\_\_!”

(25-32) The Angry Oldest – Father goes \_\_\_\_\_ to meet him too!

The oldest responds, “L \_\_\_\_\_!” The Father responds, “S \_\_\_\_\_!”

*To celebrate with God one must also share in God’s mercy.* 

Action Step: Will you join the \_\_\_\_\_?



By this time a lot of men and women of doubtful  
reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently.  
The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased, not  
at all pleased. They growled, “He takes in sinners and  
eats meals with them, treating them like old friends.”

Their grumbling triggered this story.

“Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and lost one.  
Wouldn’t you leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and  
go after the lost one until you found it? When found, you  
can be sure you would put it across your shoulders,  
rejoicing, and when you got home call in your friends and  
neighbors, saying, ‘Celebrate with me! I’ve found my lost  
sheep!’ Count on it—there’s more joy in heaven over one  
sinner’s rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in  
no need of rescue.

Luke 15: 1-7 (The Message)



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