



Lessons From The Road

The One

Luke 15:1-10

The beauty of God's grace is that it's wide enough for the whole world, and narrow enough for you and me.

For the next few weeks—I'll be sharing some things I learned on the Road
Our texts will come from the lectionary—which has a unique way of speaking to us no matter when they're preached.

The passage today contains a familiar parable—the Lost Sheep

And it was directed at a particular group of people who didn't really get that God's radical grace and love was for everyone.

Jesus has a way of wrecking our notions of grace, doesn't he?

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Let's dig into this passage just a bit to understand what's happening.

- *"The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near..."*
- *"...BUT the Pharisees and scribes began to complain..." (Exodus)*
- *Jesus uses images that were familiar and grounded—every day life*
- *Leaving the 99 in the desert—just to find one. How does that make sense?*
- *Throwing a party after finding a coin? Wouldn't that cost something?*
- *These stories are meant to astound—because that's how God's grace works*

So here's my question—how do you think the tax collectors and sinners heard these stories?

[When you're lost—all you really want is to be found. To know that someone sees you in your lostness, knows you, finds you, carries you home.]

My turning point this summer—came in a moment of surrender

- *We always know when we're lost—but we seldom surrender to it.*
- *God's extravagant, radical grace always finds us in the surrender.*

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Henri Nouwen

Breathing Underwater: Spirituality and the 12 Steps

Richard Rohr

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