

God Values You

JESUS' ASSOCIATION WITH PEOPLE CHALLENGED *(Luke 15:1-2 NLT)*

- He set the Pharisees up
 1. The parables of the lost sheep and lost coins
- A son that did the unthinkable - any value there?
 1. The actions of the younger son

JESUS REVEALS GOD'S VALUATION OF PEOPLE *(Luke 15:17-24 NLT)*

- The son had to walk past some barriers to get home
 1. The barriers were mental / emotional
 2. The son believed his father was good - treated servants well
 3. Mental / emotional barriers that keep people away from God
 4. The goodness of God is greater *(Lamentations 3:21-25 NKJV)*
- The son was restored - not rejected
 1. The only time in scripture that God is shown as running
 2. The son was restored to the family - not as a servant
 3. God is faithful to receive, forgive and restore today *(1 John 1:9 NKJV)*
- The older brother reveals how man's religion thinks *(Luke 15:28-32 NLT)*
 1. Angry because he didn't believe his father was good or fair
 2. The father was kind to explain
 3. God values people and rejoices in lives saved and restored
(2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV)