

FIERCE LOVE

Luke 15:1-7

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1. **15:1** Jesus was routinely found talking with those who were rejected and scorned by the religious people of His day.
2. **15:1** What drew them was not the self-righteous scorn with which the Pharisees often battered them, but a tender truth, spoken in love.
3. **15:2** To eat with someone in that culture showed full fellowship.
4. **15:2** Jesus was not hanging out with them to engage in their sin; he was offering the Kingdom to those who were lost.
5. **15:4** The shepherd never expected the lost sheep to come in on its own. He had to pursue it.
6. **15:4** The shepherd was driven by more than mere financial interest; his compassion is evident.
7. **15:4** God seeks us because we are destitute without even knowing it (Luke 19).
8. **15:7** The occupants of Heaven know better than we do what we are saved from. Angels are spectators of salvation (Hebrews 1:14).
9. **15:7** Angels were built for God's glory. That they celebrate over the redeemed is important evidence of how much glory our salvation brings to Jesus.

