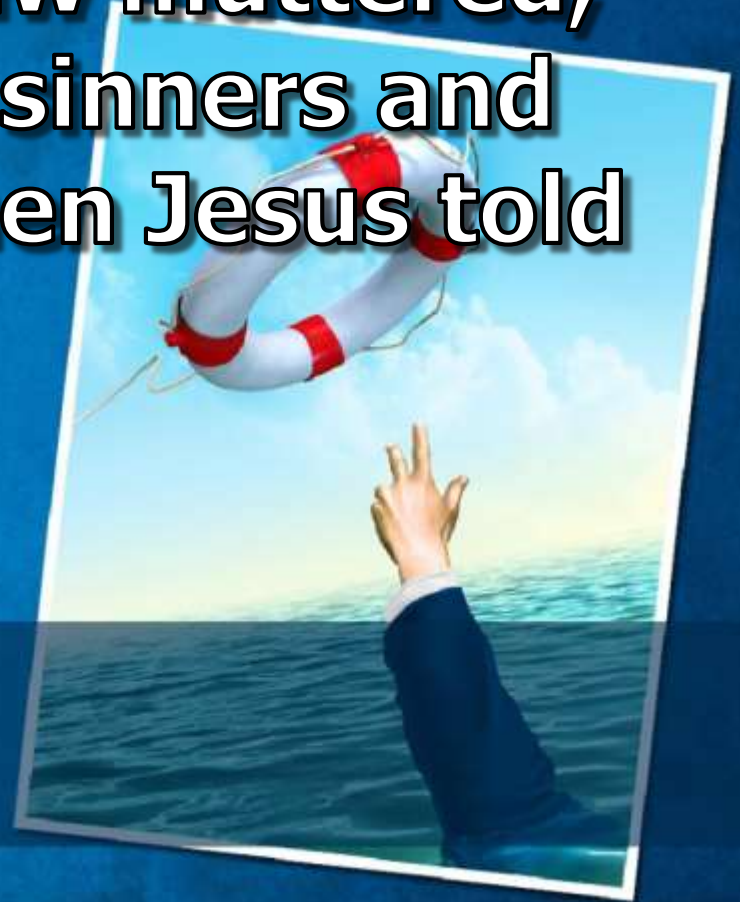
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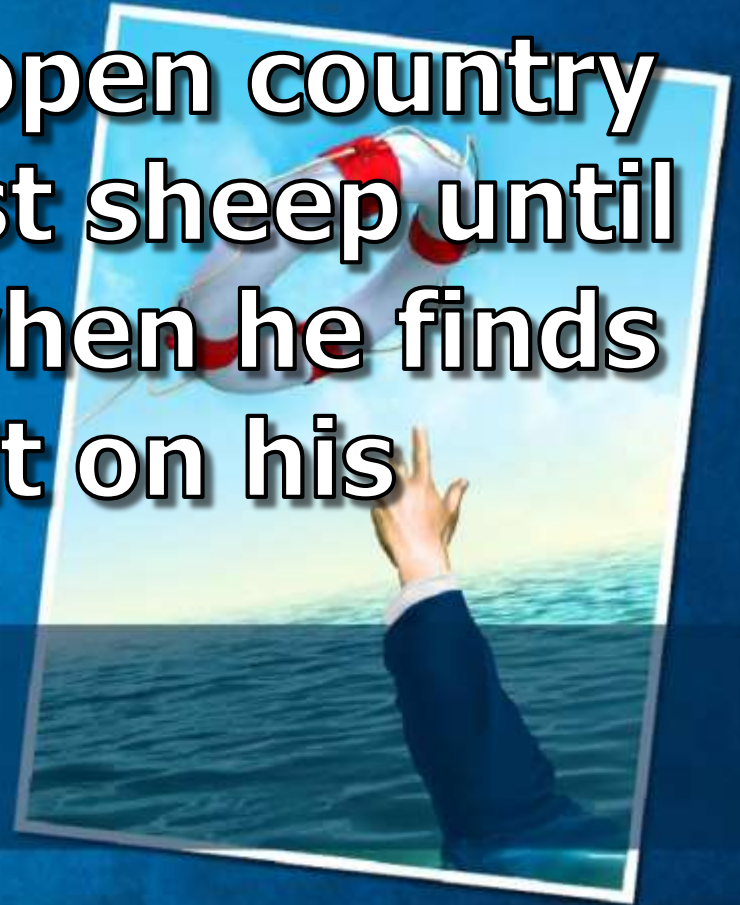
***All On The Altar Sunday – Fall 2017
Luke 15:1-7; 2 Peter 3:9-10; 2 Cor 5:11
Anthony Grove Baptist Church
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¹ Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³ Then Jesus told them this parable:

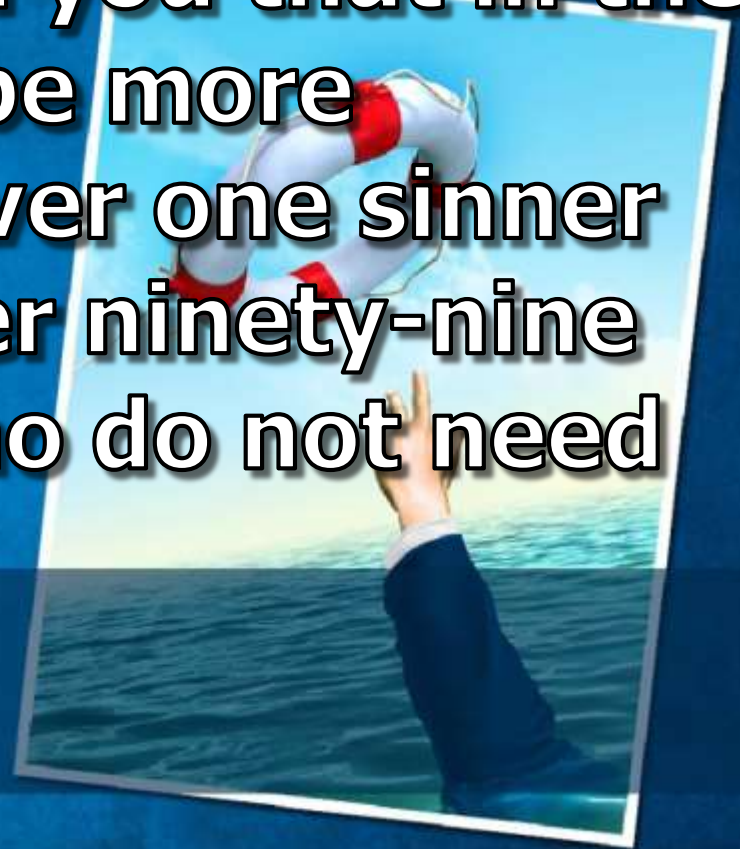
Luke 15:1–7



⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders

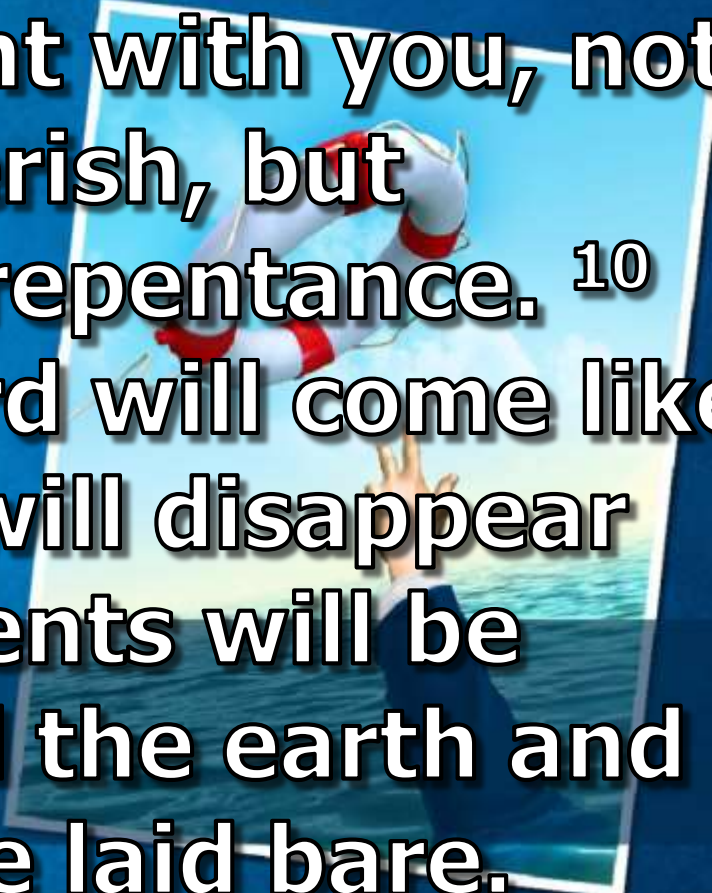


⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.



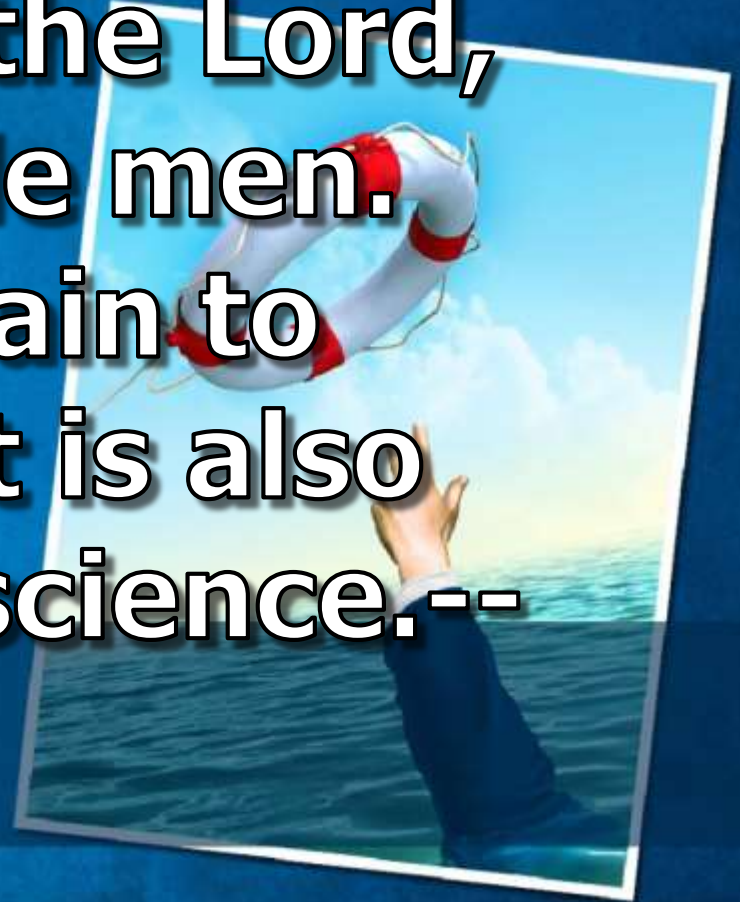
2 Peter 3:9–10

⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.



2 Corinthians 5:11

11 Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.-- (NIV)



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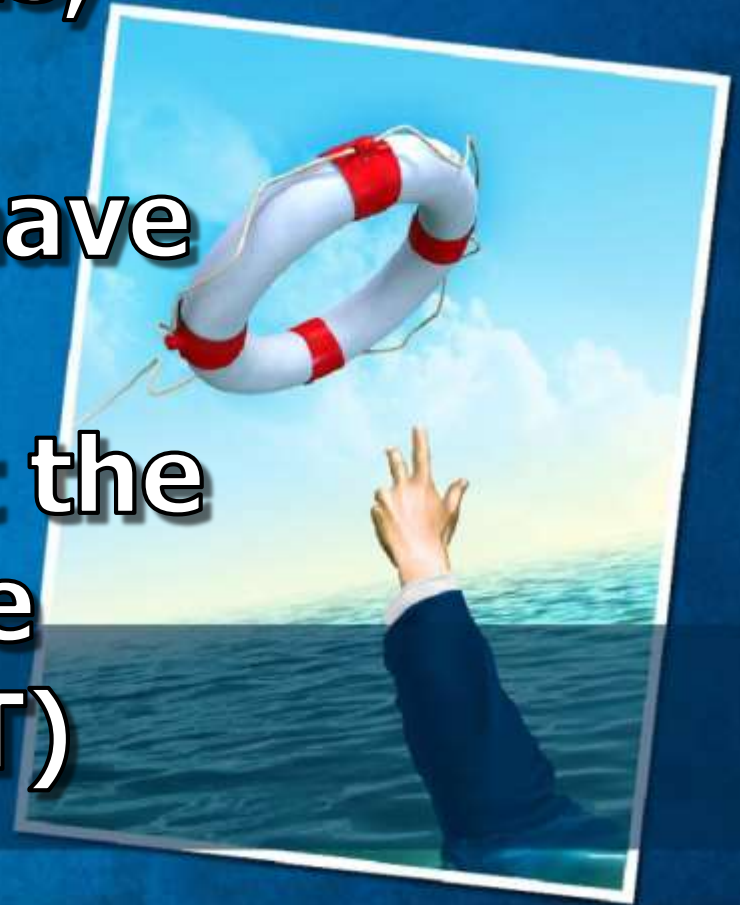
1. The Roaming of the Perishing.

Luke 15:4⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?-- (ESV)



A. The Cause of the Roaming.

Isaiah 53:6⁶ All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.-- (NLT)



B. The Curse of the Roaming.

Proverbs 14:12¹²
There is a way that
seems right to a
man, but in the
end it leads to
death.-- (NIV)



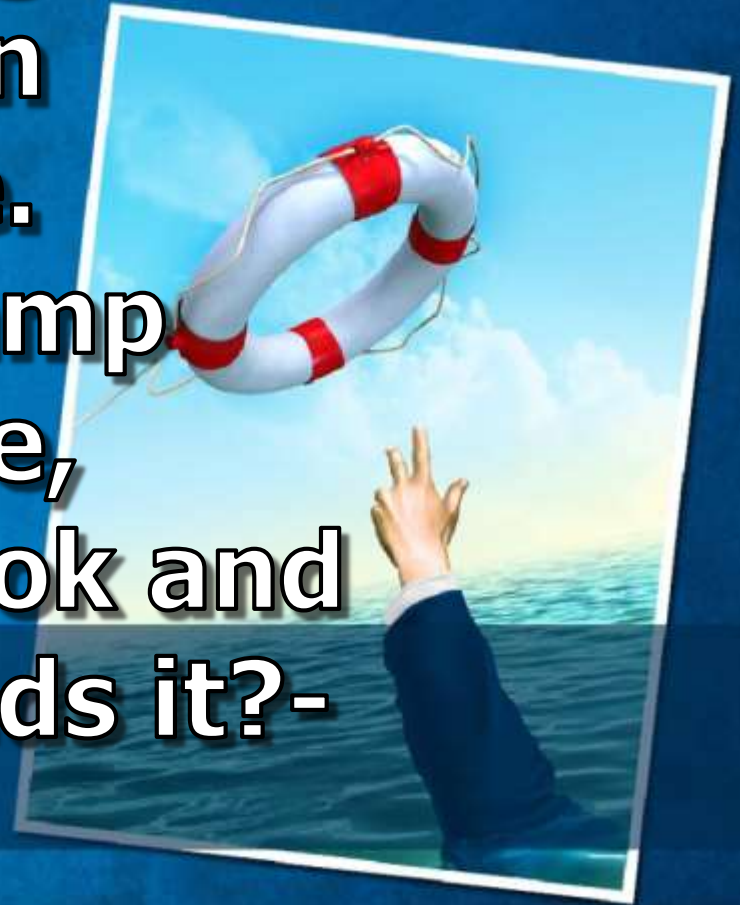
2. The Rescue of the Perishing.

Luke 15:4⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?"



A. There is a Frantic Seeking of the Lost.

Luke 15:8⁸ "Or imagine a woman who has ten coins and loses one. Won't she light a lamp and scour the house, looking in every nook and cranny until she finds it? - (The Message)



1.) You Are Most Like Jesus When You Seek.

**Luke 19:10¹⁰ For the
Son of Man came to
seek and to save
what was lost.” (NIV)**



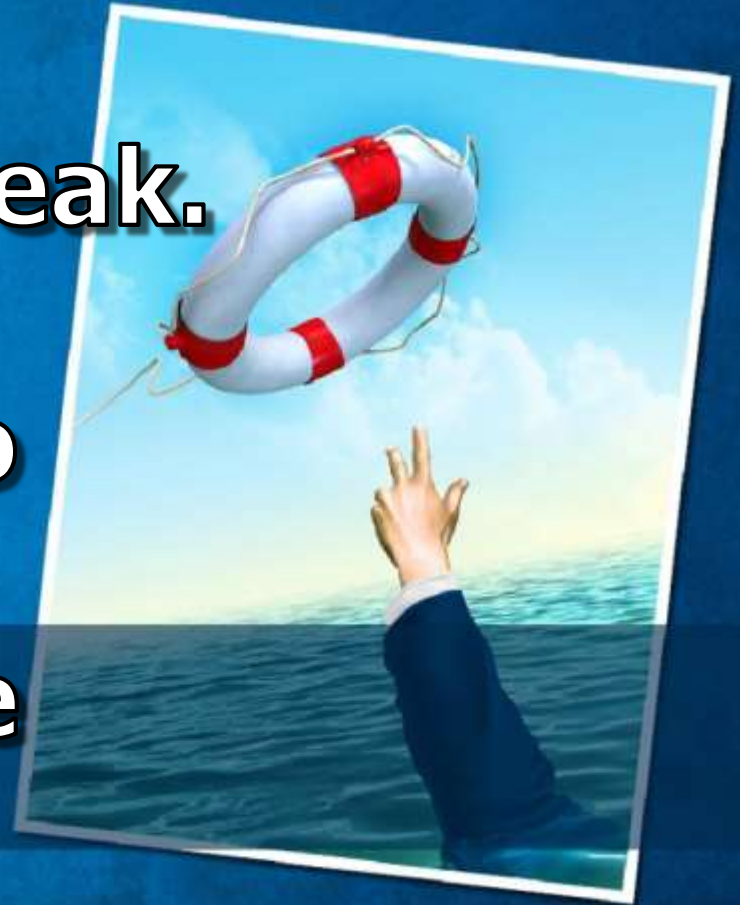
2.) God **Commands** Us to Go.

Mark 16:15¹⁵ Jesus said to his followers, "Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone.-- (NCV)



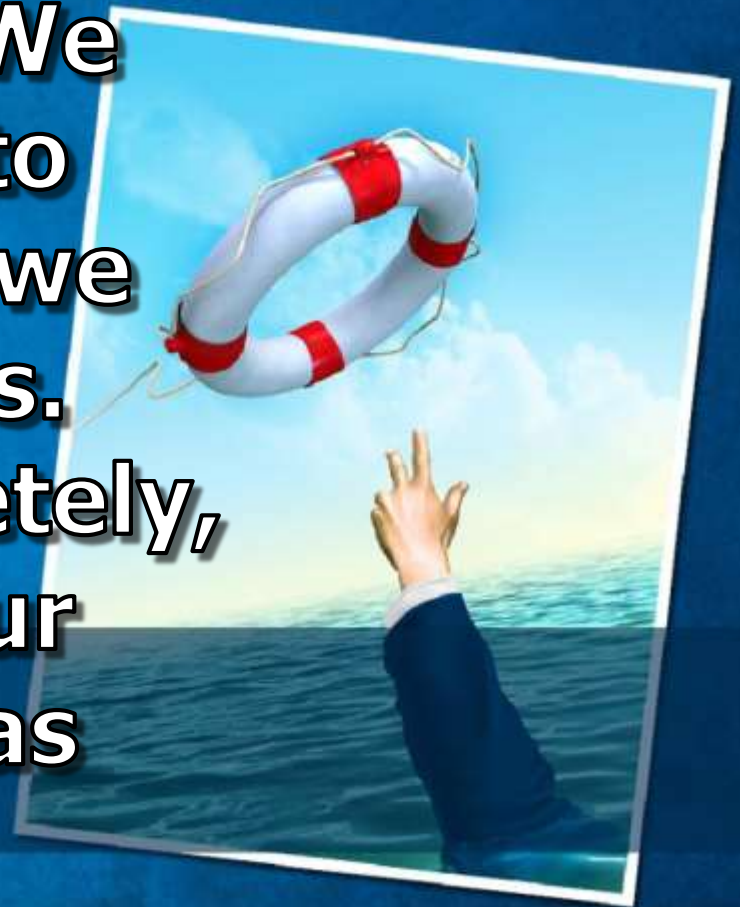
3.) If You Go Some Will **Be Saved**

1 Corinthians 9:22²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.-- (NIV)



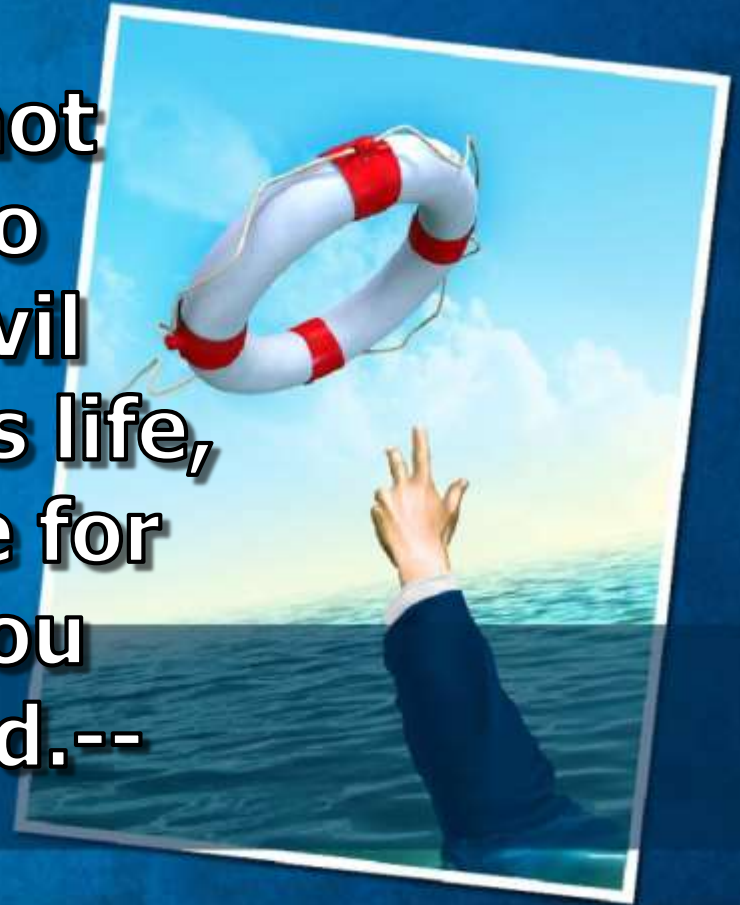
4.) It Is Not Enough To **Announce**.

2 Corinthians 5:11¹¹ We know what it means to fear the Lord, and so we try to persuade others. God knows us completely, and I hope that in your hearts you know me as well.-- (GNB)



5.) If You Go You Are Not Accountable

Ezekiel 3:18¹⁸ When I say to a wicked man, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood.--
(NIV)



B. There Is A Firm Security **For The Rescued.**

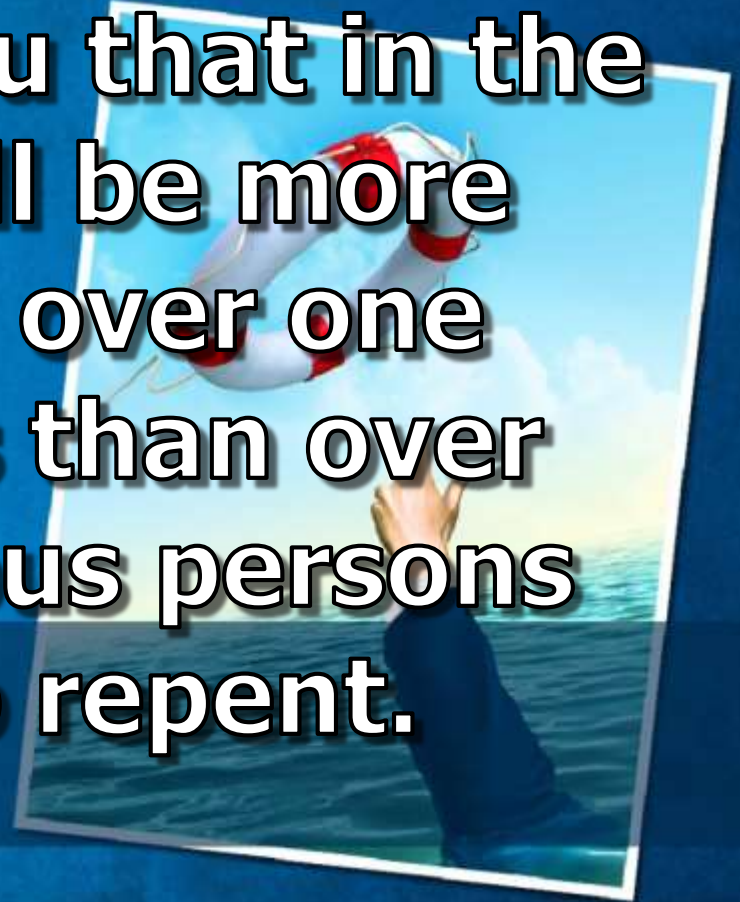
Luke 15:5–6⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'-- (NIV)



3. The Rejoicing Over The Rescue!

A. The Stipulation for Rejoicing.

Luke 15:7⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.



⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”-- (ESV)

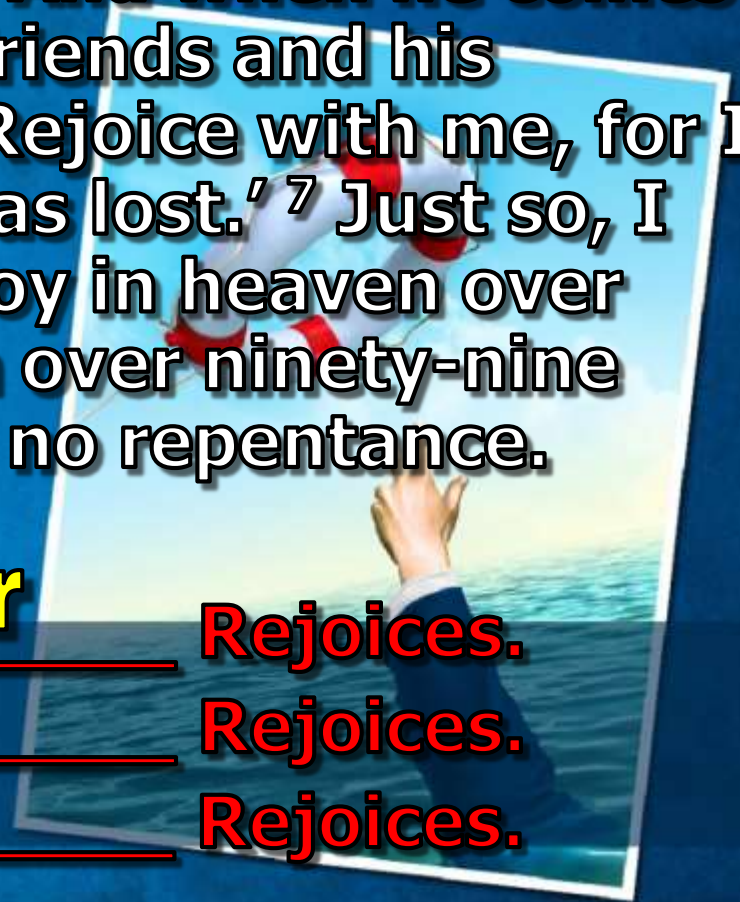
Luke 13:5



B. The Subjects Who Rejoice.

Luke 15:5–7⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

A. The	<u>Soul-Winner</u>	Rejoices.
B. The	<u>Saints</u>	Rejoices.
C. The	<u>Savior</u>	Rejoices.



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