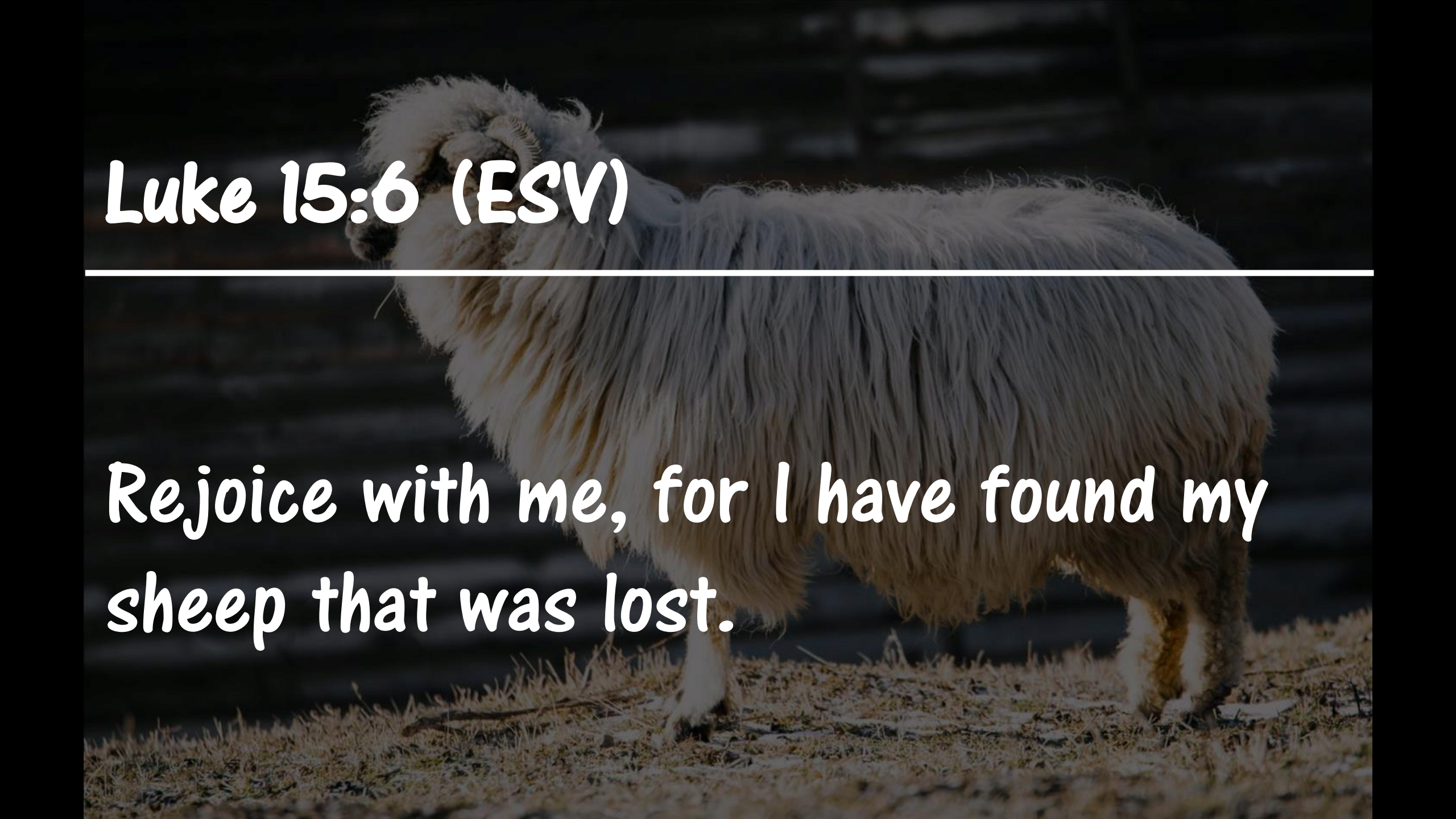


3 Sons, Lost and Found

Luke 15:11-32

A fluffy white dog, possibly a Komondor or Puli, stands in a field of dry grass. The dog is facing left, and its thick, corded fur is the central focus. The background is a soft-focus landscape with rolling hills under a pale sky. The overall tone is serene and natural.

Luke 15:6 (ESV)

**Rejoice with me, for I have found my
sheep that was lost.**

A close-up photograph of a pair of hands, likely belonging to an older person, holding a large pile of gold coins. The hands are cupped together, and the coins are scattered across the palms and fingers. The background is dark and out of focus. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, sans-serif font.

Luke 15:9b (ESV)

*Rejoice with me, for I found the coin
that I had lost.*

And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them...

Luke 15:11-20a (ESV)

...¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need...

Luke 15:11-20a (ESV)

...¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said...

Luke 15:11-20a (ESV)

...‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him...

Luke 15:11-20a (ESV)

...“Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”” ²⁰And he arose and came to his father.

1. CHILDREN, HONOR YOUR PARENTS

... but when he came to himself...

Luke 15:17a (ESV)

Honor your father and mother.

Luke 19:19a (ESV)

1. CHILDREN, **HONOR** YOUR
PARENTS

2. PARENTS, **LOVE** YOUR
CHILDREN

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt **compassion**, and ran and **embraced** him and **kissed** him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ...

Luke 15:20b-24 (ESV)

...²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the *best robe*, and put it on him, and put a *ring* on his hand, and *shoes* on his feet.

²³And bring the *fattened calf* and *kill it*, and let us *eat and celebrate*. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

Luke 15:20b-24 (ESV)

1. CHILDREN, **HONOR** YOUR PARENTS

2. PARENTS, **LOVE** YOUR CHILDREN

- The father is looking for his son
- The father has compassion on his son

- Compassion
 - Greek: σπλαγχνίζομαι,
(splanchnízomai, splangkh-nid'-zom-ahee;)
 - to be moved as to one's bowels, hence to be moved with compassion, have compassion (for the bowels were thought to be the seat of love and pity)

1. CHILDREN, **HONOR** YOUR PARENTS

2. PARENTS, **LOVE** YOUR CHILDREN

- The father is looking for his son
- The father has compassion on his son (Greek. *Splagchnizomai*)
- The father runs out to the son.
- The father embraces and kisses his son.

For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.

Luke 15:24a (ESV)

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4 (ESV)

Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

Colossians 3:21 (ESV)

Therefore encourage one another
and build one another up, just as you
are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ESV)

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,
25...encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24, 25b (ESV)

1. CHILDREN, **HONOR** YOUR PARENTS
2. PARENTS, **LOVE** YOUR CHILDREN
3. SIBLINGS, LOVE **ONE ANOTHER**

Now his older son was in the field,
and as he came and drew near to the
house, he heard music and dancing.
²⁶And he called one of the servants
and asked what these things meant...

Luke 15:25-32 (ESV)

...²⁷And he said to him, “**Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.**” ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in...

...His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, “Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends...

Luke 15:25-32 (ESV)

...³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!” ...

...³¹And he said to him, "**Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.** ³²It was **fitting to celebrate and be glad**, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

Luke 15:25-32 (ESV)

From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:16 (ESV)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.
²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

Luke 15:1-2 (ESV)

And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Matthew 22:37-39 (ESV)

1. CHILDREN, **HONOR** YOUR PARENTS
2. PARENTS, **LOVE** YOUR CHILDREN
3. SIBLINGS, LOVE **ONE ANOTHER**
4. FOLLOW THE **TRUE SON**

I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6 (ESV)

Action Items

1. **Come home**

Hurt people,
hurt people



Action Items

1. **Come home**
2. **Forgive your brother or sister**

Then Peter came to him and asked,
“Lord, how often should I forgive
someone who sins against me?
Seven times?”²² “No, not seven
times,” Jesus replied, “but seventy
times seven!”

Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)

If you want
to change the
world, go home
and love your
Family.

~ Mother Teresa

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Action Items

- 1. Come home**
- 2. Forgive your brother or sister**
- 3. Find Good Reasons to Celebrate**



Celebrate!