

Title: Lost and Found

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Text: Acts 2:5-13 & Luke 15:11-32

Walk-in: One of the bedrock values for us as Christ followers needs to be an understanding of a person in their relationship to God. In the Alliance we hold to a core value that says: **LOST PEOPLE MATTER TO GOD. HE WANTS THEM FOUND.** But what is involved in our understanding of that? Today we will quickly review a story I spoke about on Father's Day referred to as the Story of the Lost Son. Then I want to see how God was orchestrating events in Acts 2 to prepare the church for an amazing harvest of lost people he wanted found.

**First, there is the reminder of the S _____
S _____ of sin. Luke 15:11-16**

That often involves the following:

1. **S _____.**
"...give me my share of the estate". Vs. 12.
2. **H _____ D _____.** "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a far country..." (Vs. 13a.)
3. **W _____.** "... and there he squandered his wealth in wild living" (13b)
4. **I _____ S _____.**
5. **P _____ C _____.**

Then, thankfully, there follows the W _____ H _____.
Here are 5 words to tell that story.

First, there is A _____.
"When he came to his senses." (Vs.17)

Second, there is R _____.
"...I will go back to my father." (Vs.18).

Third, there is H _____. "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you." (Vs. 18,21)

Fourth, there is H _____. "I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men." (Vs.19)

Fifth, there is R _____. "So he got up and went to his father." (Vs.20)

So how does this story about a lost son play into the Acts 2 portion today?

First, God orchestrated E _____ to capture their attention.

✓ Pentecost was a **P _____** event.

15 separate regions are represented.

✓ The coming of the Holy Spirit was a **S _____** event.

Then, God goes to great lengths to D _____ HIS W _____ to the prepared audience. (Acts 2:11 b)

He **A _____** them (Acts 2:7,12)

He **P _____** them. (Acts 2:12)

Wrap-up: Lost people matter to God. He wants them found! This Alliance Core Value is illustrated in the story of the lost son by Jesus in Luke's gospel and reinforced here in the Acts 2 event of Pentecost. Certainly men and women today live on the slippery slope of sin and need to find their way home to God. As you read these words, you may be living in the far country away from God. You need to do what this young man did—take a first step back home. The hardest step is the first step. And that's the one that brings you half way home.