

RECKLESS LOVE

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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Some people think the most important question in life is – “what is God really like?” God is our loving Father. His reckless love is unfathomable, and He never expects anything even if He is hurt. “Reckless” is defined as “needless of danger or the consequences of one’s actions.” God is so gracious that He used Jesus, His only Son as the instrument to save the lost and to show His reckless love for us.



1. Jesus cited many parables to describe God’s reckless love for humanity:

- 1.1. **The Lost Sheep.** “Suppose one of you has one hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?” (Luke 15:4).
- 1.2. **The Lost Coin.** “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweeps the house and searches carefully until she finds it?” (Luke 15:8).
- 1.3. **The Prodigal Son.** There was a man who had two sons. The younger one asked his father for his inheritance, then he squandered all of it until nothing left and experienced famine. He decided to return to his father and ask forgiveness. His father was overjoyed that he threw a feast for his return (Luke 15:11-22).

2. The attributes of A Father:

- 2.1. The father recognizes his son’s right to choose his path. He does not condemn or judge his son. He restores everything.
- 2.2. His love is providential. He is so generous. He is patient.

2.3. The father is the priest of the family. He is the intercessor. He is full of compassion and mercy.

3. Jesus describes the heart of God:

- 3.1. **The suffering heart of God.** Every time we suffer, God suffers. Sin separates us from God. It hinders our relationship with Him.
 - He gave Adam and Eve the authority over the family, but they disobeyed God’s command; as a result, they inherited the sin of disobedience. They did not apologize but pointed the blame on each other.
 - The woman who lost one coin was determined to look for it. Her anguish captured the suffering heart of God.
- 3.2. **The searching heart of God.** God sent His Son, Jesus to search for the sinners. He came not for those who are well, but to seek the lost and save them.
 - The woman searched until the coin was found.
 - Similarly, Sis. Techie is commissioned by God to seek and to convert souls to God’s fold.
 - We too are duty bound to be our brothers’ keeper and to help each other.
- 3.3. **The celebrating heart of God.** Heaven celebrates at the repentance of a sinner.
 - The woman triumphantly found the lost coin and was overwhelmed; she invited her friends and neighbors to celebrate her joy.
 - The Lord is joyful with every person that we find and save.

Conclusion: God’s reckless love already gave us everything. He allowed His Son to be nailed on the cross to save us. Let us receive God’s love. He is knocking on our hearts (Rev. 3:20). He is the only one that completes us.

Reflection:

1. Have you opened your heart to Jesus? Or do you feel lost and suffering in the darkness?
2. How will you receive Jesus in your heart?

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